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ITALIAN ARMY CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES

SWISS ANNOY GERMANS

Bitter attacks on the Swiss press were launched yesterday by several German newspapers.

This the "Boersen Zeitung", describing the bombing of Coventry, wrote only of temporary damage to armaments works, whereas the others wrote of the annihilation of Coventry.

This, it says, shows the correspondent is in British pay.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" complains that nobody in Switzerland makes any move to correct this untruthful reporting, while at the same time the National (totalitarian) Party has been banned as dangerous.

The "Volkswalter Beobachter" complains that "such reports appear in the press of a country which describes itself as neutral and which at the same time forbids a national movement."

"Forbidding people of German blood to show the German spirit while at the same time accepting British bribes is a sorry spectacle!" — Reuter.

Albanian "Rebels" In Line Of Retreat

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Yugoslav Frontier)

ITALIAN TROOPS RETREATING ALONG THE ELBASAN ROAD, IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE ALBANIAN FRONT, ARE NOW REPORTED TO BE CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

BRITISH SUBMARINE FEARED LOST

The British submarine Triad (Lt-Comm. G. S. Salt) is overdue and may be considered lost, according to an Admiralty announcement in London yesterday. — Reuter.

They are being energetically pursued by the Greeks who do not allow them time to take up new defensive positions, while facing them well-armed and organised bands of Albanians are said to be awaiting them in the vicinity of Elbasan.

These Albanians are headed by a well-known supporter of King Zog whose name at the moment unable to reveal.

(It was reported the other day that an Albanian patriotic leader had been dropped by parachute behind the Italian lines in order to organise an Albanian revolt.)

The action behind the Italian lines is developing rapidly and is believed to be assuming serious proportions from the Italian point of view.

Albanian bands are greatly helping the Greeks in their penetration into Albania.

So long is the Italian column retreating hastily towards Elbasan that it can be seen from a great distance away, showing up clearly against the new-fallen snow which abounds in this mountainous region.

That the retreat was prepared by the Italians in advance is shown by their previous withdrawal of military material from Podgradetz (which is now in Greek hands) as far as Monastir.

Considerable Advance

A considerable advance has been made all along the front, stated last night's Greek communiqué, according to Athens radio.

The announcement added that positions of exceptional importance for the development of operations have been captured.

In the region of Premeti over 150 prisoners have been taken and much war material has fallen into Greek hands. — Reuter.

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SOUTHAMPTON SUFFERS ANOTHER SEVERE RAID

SOUTHAMPTON WAS RAIDED BY CONSIDERABLE FORCES OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT ON SATURDAY NIGHT, ACCORDING TO AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE. THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN WAS DELIBERATELY ATTACKED AND MUCH DAMAGE DONE TO HOUSE AND SHOP PROPERTY.

Latest reports suggest casualties were not unduly heavy. All services concerned were used to the full and the excellent cooperation between them proved adequate for the heavy calls made on them.

All fires are now under control and alternative accommodation has been made for persons whose homes were destroyed.

Yesterday's air raid losses over Britain consisted of a small force of fighters and fighter-bombers, none of which penetrated deeper than the southern suburbs of London.

No enemy aircraft were shot down. — Reuter.

Town's Worst

The raid was Southampton's worst of the war. A raid byайди bombs followed by incendiary bombs

explosives did much damage to churches, houses and shops in the centre of the city.

Many fires were started, two of which were increased by the high explosive bombs.

The raid began early in the evening with the dropping of incendiary bombs.

The raid ended with the dropping of high explosive bombs.

CHUNGKING WARNS

THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER DR. WANG CHUNG-HUI YESTERDAY ISSUED A WARNING TO OTHER POWERS THAT "RECOGNITION OF THE ARCH-TRAITOR WANG CHING-WEI" WILL BE CONSIDERED AN "UNFRIENDLY ACT" BY GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S GOVERNMENT.

This is the Chinese Government's first official response to the signature of the treaty between Japan and the Nanking puppet regime. — Reuter.

RATIO OF LOSSES IN AIR

A total of 229 enemy aircraft were destroyed over Britain and British waters and over German and German-occupied territory and German waters by the R.A.F. and ground defences during November.

This includes 20 Italian aircraft.

During the month 50 British fighters were lost over Britain but 28 pilots were saved.

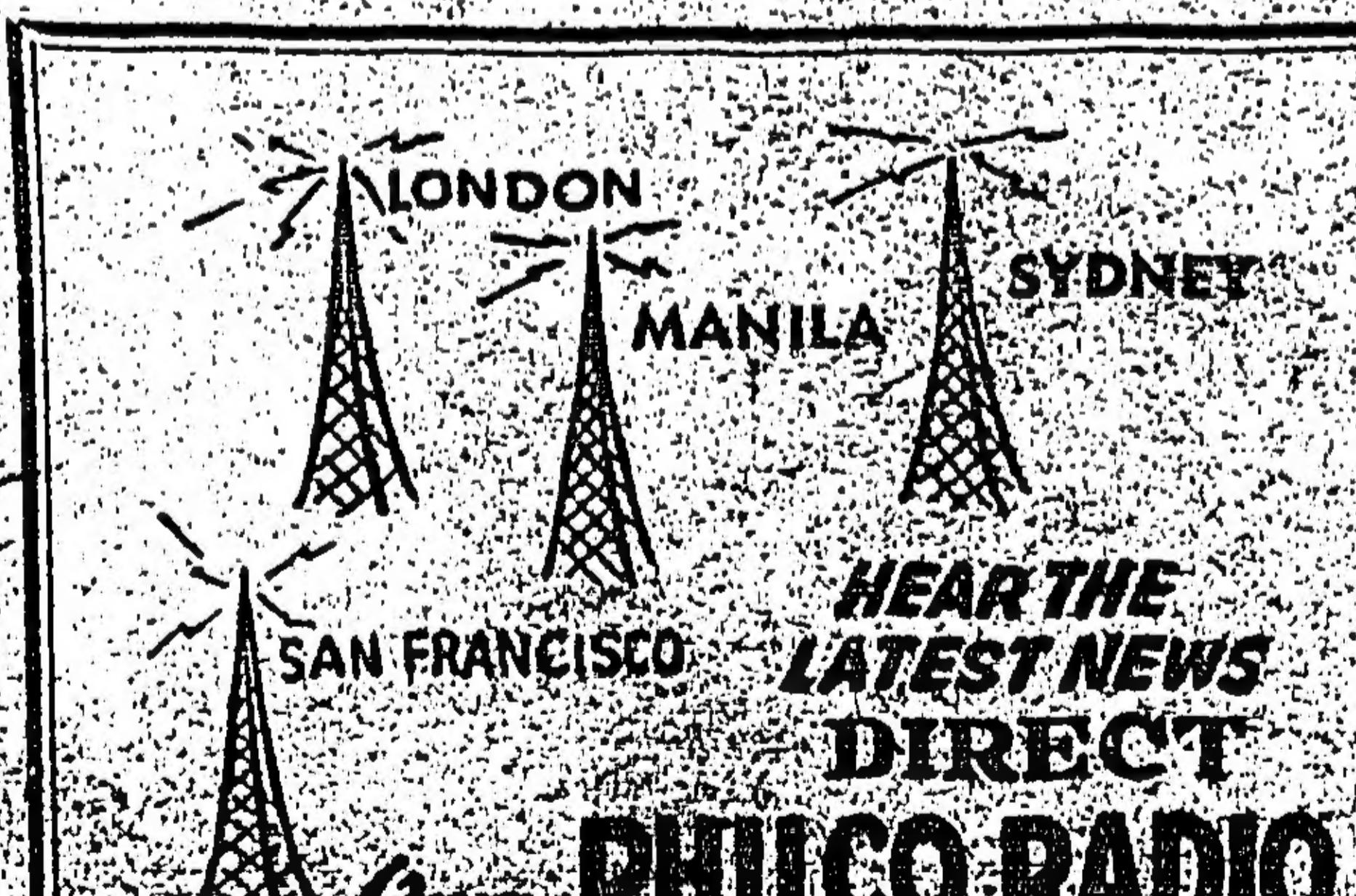
Forty-eight British aircraft were lost over enemy territory.

In addition to the above, 80 Italian aircraft were destroyed in the Mediterranean and African theatres of war against 18 British planes.

The above figures do not include enemy aircraft shot down by naval or merchant vessels or the Fleet Air Arm, nor Italian losses in Greece. — Reuter.

CARIBBEAN TOUR FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Indications suggest that President Roosevelt may leave Washington to-day on a 15-day tour of the Caribbean to inspect defences in the vicinity of Puerto Rico, including naval bases being established in the British West Indies. — Reuter.



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Nazi Diplomatic Blitzkrieg Passes Peacefully Away

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MASSACRE ORDERED BY BERLIN?

The Rumanian Foreign Office has warned the public not to listen to a secret radio station which has started to broadcast to them.

This station has given details of proof it holds that the mass murders of political prisoners were planned and ordered by Berlin.

It is not known where the station is operating.

According to Moscow Radio, German circles in Rumania have revealed details of the shooting of the 64 political prisoners.

The day before the murder, the military guard was removed and 50 Iron Guardists were left in charge.

Armed with automatic weapons, they entered the cells and shot and killed the prisoners, some of whom had 40 bullets in them.

Berlin comment: Nothing out of the ordinary has happened in Rumania.

Rome comment: The shootings were understandable.

Portuguese press comment: "We protest because we are Christians, because we belong to the human species." — Reuter.

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE HAS BEEN a lull in diplomatic activity this week after the feverish German efforts of the previous week to whip up enthusiasm for the much-heralded "new order in Europe."

The tepid reception which the adherence of three Balkan countries to the Tripartite Pact has received all over the world seems to have dampened the enthusiasm of Ribbentrop, and save for some tentative efforts in the direction of Turkey, the diplomatic blitzkrieg appears to have died down for the moment.

Rumania is falling further and further under the Nazi yoke. The terroristic activities of the Iron Guard, if not directly encouraged, are certainly inspired by Germany.

It is possible the disorders are being instigated by the Nazis to provide them with an excuse for placing Rumania under direct German military dictatorship, thus removing the country's last shreds of independence.

The victorious Greek advance is still continuing and the Italians seem incapable of stemming it despite their counter-attacks and re-shuffling of generals.

No Sign Of Aid To Italy

There is still no sign that the Germans are about to come to Italy's aid.

Possibly they wish to see her still further in the mire before

they come to her help—on their own terms.

The Japanese pact with the puppet administration of Wang Ching-wei has made little impression on the world.

The granting by the United States of a £25,000,000 loan to General Chiang Kai-shek's Government has shown more clearly than any words that the United States Government has no intention whatever of ceasing to regard the Chungking Government as the Government of China.

German Caution

The British Government has stated it holds exactly similar views.

Well-informed circles in London feel it possible that Italy may recognise the "Nanking Government" but despite the Pact which allies her with Japan, it is believed that Germany will continue her cautious attitude regarding Japan and China, in an attempt to keep a foot in both camps.—Reuter.

POSED AS V.C. AND M.P.

An ex-convict who posed as an M.P. and as a V.C. and said he could obtain the release of an interned man, was sent to prison at Hendon.

The man, Leslie de Villiers, fifty-five, engineer, alias Jack Elliott, was accused of obtaining £2 by false pretences from Mrs. Dora Stoutzker, a gold watch, valued £10, belonging to Solomon Stoutzker, and of wearing without authority the medal ribbons of the V.C., M.C., D.C.M., M.M., Mons Star, General Service Medal, Victory Medal, and others.

For the false pretence he was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment, and for wearing the medal ribbons he was fined £25 or three months' imprisonment.

Detective-Sergeant Knott said De Villiers was a convict on licence. Posing as Mr. Silverman, M.P., he told a woman whose husband had been interned that he was arranging with Sir John Anderson for his release, and money would be required for travelling.

He represented himself to be Jack White, V.C., of Manchester, and obtained money by similar means.

AXIS FAILURE IN BALKANS

AXIS ATTEMPTS TO INVADE THE BALKANS ON TWO FLANKS HAVE FAILED UTTERLY Owing TO THE ITALIAN DEFEATS BY GREECE COMMENTED ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY.

There are people, the Turkish radio continued, who prefer not to shed their blood for the schemes of others but who will die for their own independence.—Reuter.

DIRT TRACK CAVALRY

Britain's new cavalry of rough riders on fast motor cycles are ready to round up parachutists and other air-borne invaders.

These men are taught to ride cross-country. They won't worry about blocked roads, but will ride over moors and fells, along muddy lanes and mountain tracks.

Their training is gruelling. Their teachers are crack riders with long experience in racing over mountain roads, dirt tracks and grass tracks.

The units practise rough-riding to keep themselves on top form. They are stationed at strategic points.

I went into rough country to watch these riders being put through their paces by officers of the Western Command, writes a correspondent. It would be difficult to find worse conditions than those prevailing.

There were hills, ditches, ponds and plenty of mud. But the new cavalry swept across country at top speed, swooping over hills and splashing through ponds.

It was as exciting and spectacular as any tourist or track race. There were one or two spills, but the riders were all experts in falling.

When they fell they neither injured themselves nor damaged their powerful machines. Nor did they endanger the men following.

Controlled skids were all in the game and there was not even a burnout clutch when the exhibition was over.

HUNGARIAN ATTACK ON RUMANIA

THE OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN PAPER "RESTER LLOYD" YES-TERDAY DELIVERED A VIO-LENT ATTACK AGAINST HUN-GARY'S AXIS PARTNER, RU-MANIA.

The paper spoke of Rumania's "blinded hatred for Hungary," and threatened action to liberate Hungarians still under Rumanian rule in Transylvania.—Reuter.

EVACUATION COMPLAINT

London coach-owners are protesting that their services have not been used by the Government to evacuate bombed areas.

They also complain that their coaches have not been com-manded to help with the transport problem caused by the disorganization of rail traffic in some areas.

"I have dozens of coaches lying idle," one coach-owner told a reporter. "I expected them to be commanded to help with the problems that have arisen during the last few days, but nothing has been done."

A Ministry of Transport official said: "We have no difficulty in getting all the transport we want from the London Passenger Transport Board.

"The L.P.T.B. are very public-spirited, and we have only to let them know our requirements and they are met immediately.

"If it becomes necessary we shall have no hesitation in calling on the coach-owners."

M.T.B.S' RAID INTO MOUTH OF SCHELDT

AN ATTACK on a German supply ship—the 6,000-ton vessel Santos—was carried out by a British patrol of motor torpedo-boats off the Dutch coast yesterday morning, the Admiralty announces.

Soon after the attack, the Santos sent out a distress message saying that she had been torpedoed off the mouth of the Scheldt.

All our craft returned safely to port.

One received superficial damage from a German warship escorting the Santos, but the only casualties were two men wounded.

There was a second naval clash in the North Sea on Saturday night when eight British forces met an E-boat patrol. Chase was given, but the E-boats escaped in the darkness owing to their higher speed.

The Santos was the fourth supply ship the Germans lost in three days.

One of the others was an 8,000-ton ship sunk last Friday off the Dutch coast by a torpedo-carrying plane.

The torpedo hit the ship in the stern, and as the British pilot left for home he saw that the vessel was already sinking.

A patrol later found the ship with only her upper works awash.—Reuter.

NO BURYING OF HATCHET

"OUR HATRED IS UNLIMITED," SAID GENERAL ANTONESCU, RUMANIAN DICTATOR, SPEAKING YESTERDAY AT THE CELEBRATIONS ON RUMANIA'S UNION WITH TRANSYLVANIA AFTER THE GREAT WAR.

He emphasized Rumania's rights, predicted that justice would be done, and appealed for unquestioning unity.—Reuter.

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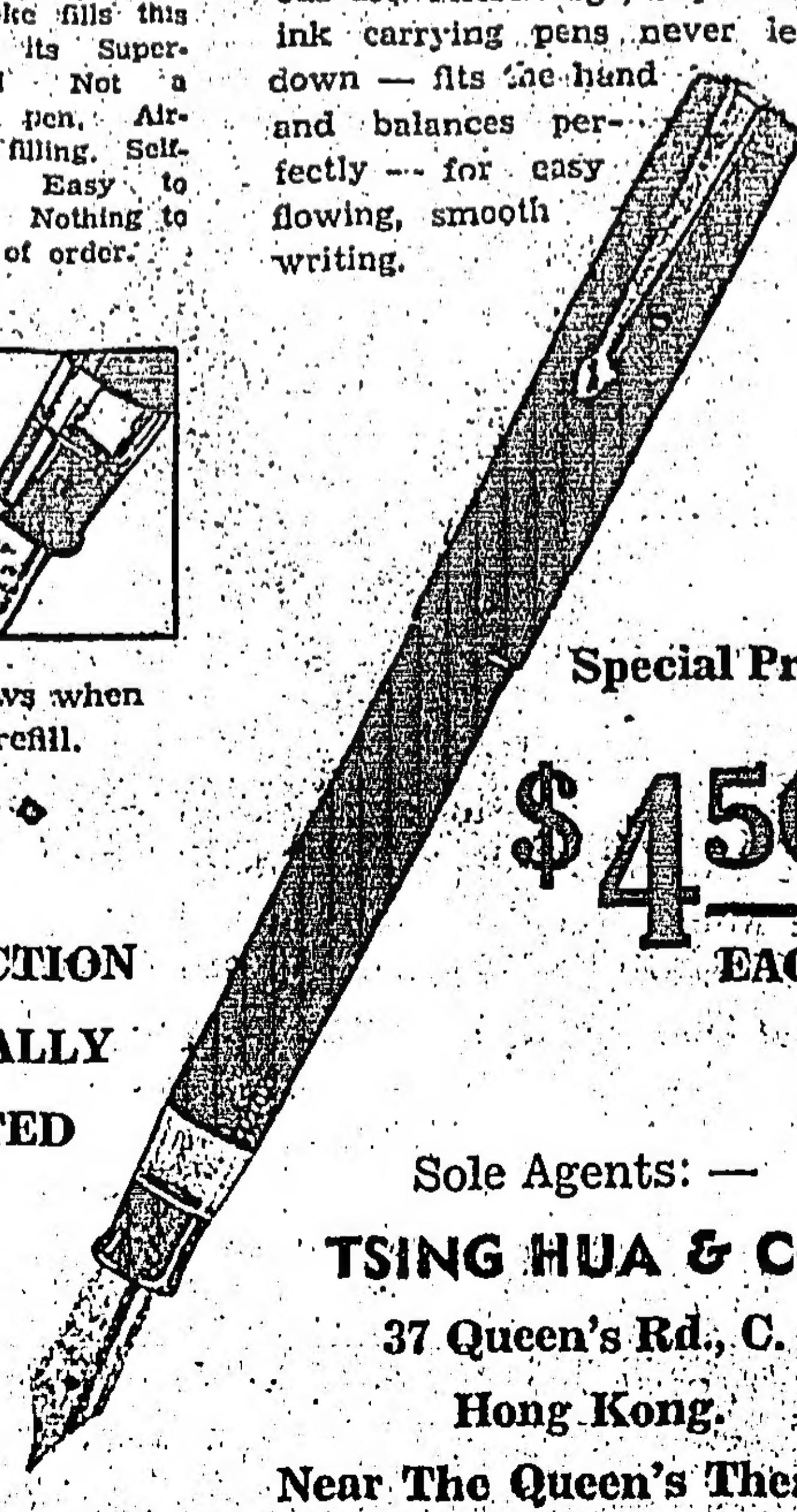
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Eye-Witness Story Of Attack On Tripoli Harbour

Vain Wait For Italian Response

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent
with the Mediterranean Fleet)

ON NOVEMBER 26, I witnessed the Fleet Air Arm's attack on Tripoli harbour. The attack was carried out during a routine sweep of the eastern and central Mediterranean Sea.

Quays, warehouses and shipping were heavily bombed and many fires caused. Toy balloons with lights attached floated up from the aircraft-carrier to test the wind and then, in the dim light of the old moon, heavily-laden bombers took off and vanished.

A period of watchful tension followed and time passed slowly as all eyes strained towards the coast. Suddenly the sky-line was lit by bursting anti-aircraft shells and by flares dropped from the British bombers.

A moment later a great burst of flame cracked the darkness, suggesting that a petrol dump had been hit.

Shortly after this the planes began returning and we waited anxiously until "all back in safety" was reported.

Then swiftly we were away on a different course.

Ship Hit

Reports from the pilots showed that medium and heavy bombs found their marks, and one ship was hit by no fewer than three bombs.

When we were 60 miles from shore fires were still visible on the sky-line.

While Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces had been sweeping the western Mediterranean, our eastern forces had been ranging over the whole eastern and central areas, seeking the Italian fleet.

Convoys had been escorted in all directions and it is daily becoming clearer how empty is the Italian boast that the Mediterranean is "mare nostrum."

20 Submarines Sunk

Under the water over 20 of her submarines have been sunk; in the air many of her shadowing planes have been knocked down and fighter formations broken up.

Throughout our own steady flow of men and materials has continued along this highway which the Italians presume to call their own.

On the latest trip I had a first glimpse of peaceful Suda Bay, with its little white town at the foot of the olive-covered hill.

The peace was shattered by four bombs from a lone raider flying at tremendous height.

The bombs fell in the sea and did no damage while the raider made off in the clouds.

That night we attacked Tripoli.

Vain Wait

In vain we waited for an Italian response but two days passed before we heard the news that the Italian fleet was abroad.

Patiently we waited for information as to its location but all we heard was that Sir James Somerville's forces had contacted the Italians at long range and that the enemy was now hurrying home. — Reuter.

SHOT BY UNLOADED RIFLE

While a squad of soldiers were at rifle training exercise the corporal gave the order to fire and Rifleman Jeffery James Whitney, twenty, fell dead, shot through the neck.

This story was told at an inquest at St. Pancras, London, N.W. An officer stated that rifles should not have been brought loaded on parade.

Riflemen Harry Winch, who fired the shot, said that he had loaded his rifle at night to go on guard and later another rifleman borrowed the rifle for guard duty. When he returned the rifle he told Winch that the ammunition was in his pouch.

The inquest was adjourned for a week to await the findings of the military court of inquiry.

"The great thing in my view is to resist any interruption. We are all in the battle, and a battle means struggling and fighting, not quietly submitting and going down to a funk hole every time someone blows a whistle."

This is what the Recorder of London, Sir Gerald Dodson, told an Old Bailey jury after refusing to interrupt a case when A.A. guns were heard in action.

The Recorder adjourned the Court to his room in the corridor, where the case was completed.

During the last war Sir Gerald was in the R.N.V.R.

SIGNOR ANSALDO'S WISTFUL THINKING

SIGNOR ANSALDO, Mussolini's radio commentator whose special duty seems to be to try and cheer up the Fascist troops, tried very hard on Friday night to earn his money.

Signor Ansaldo concentrated on the German air attacks on Britain which (he said) deserved a certain amount of attention, although really big results would take many months.

HE WARNED HIS LISTENERS THAT THE COLOURFUL REPORTS OF "SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS" ABOUT TOWNS IN RUINS AND PORTS SMASHED TO ATOMS MUST BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT.

Italy, he went on, must count on the increasing pressure of the German attacks on Britain, although Italy must not expect the war to be decided for her by her ally.

All Alone

The Italians (he said rather wistfully) must win the war in the Mediterranean with their own arms "all alone."

Other speakers on the Italian radio are not quite so resigned to fighting "all alone."

One Rome commentator was anxious to prove that Germany cannot afford to see a "valuable ally" roughly handled.

Italy's invasion of France was a decisive factor, he said, and Italian help is still essential for the defeat of Britain.

After talking about the "victorious Italian campaign" in Somaliland, Egypt and Greece, he continued:

"Furthermore, the Italian Fleet has immobilised the British Navy!" — Reuter.

WON'T GIVE UP SPIT AND POLISH

The Army refuses to abandon "spit and polish."

In the face of a barrage of criticism, it will continue to insist on a very high standard in this respect, because of the excellent effect it is held to have on morale.

"There is an inclination on the part of some people," said a military authority in London, "to say that spit and polish is a waste of time. We do not believe it is, provided it is kept within reasonable limits. No one has to spend his time on that to the detriment of training in rifle and field craft."

"The balance is about right, and I hope we shall not be accused of training for the last war when we do insist on a bit of spit and polish."



TAKING CARE OF HEALTH. The occupants of a London shelter having their throats sprayed with disinfectant. Some of the children thoroughly enjoy it. A study at an underground tube railway station where Londoners seek safety during the raids. (Copyright, Fox.)

FIGHT THAT FUNK-HOLE IDEA

DUKE'S HOUSE AS CENTRE FOR TROOPS

The Duke of Buccleuch has lent the main part of his London house in Grosvenor-place for the duration of the war to the Association of Scottish Societies of London for the use of Scottish troops as a social centre.

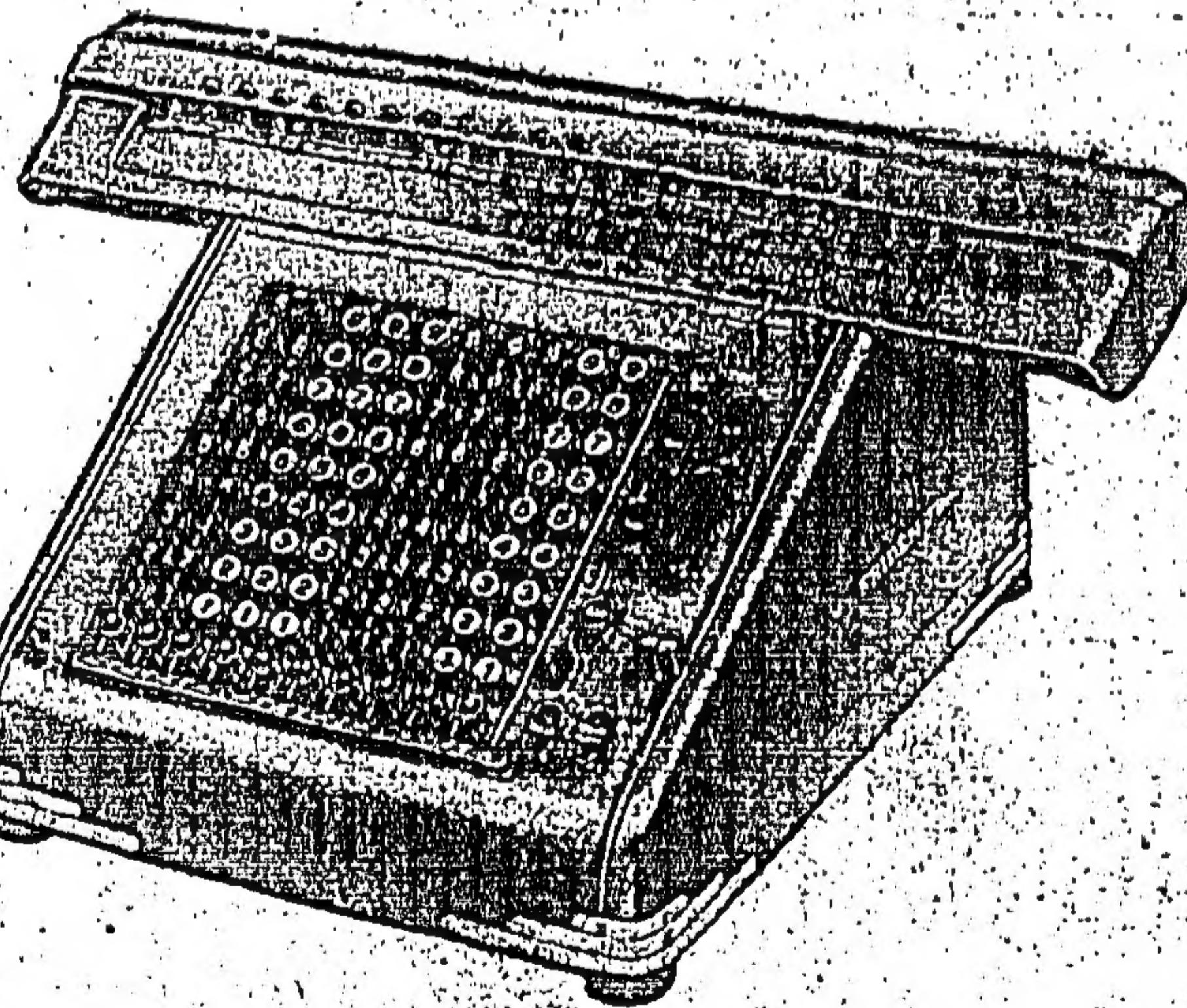
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CHANCE TO GET AT NAZI GERMANY BY THE BACK DOOR

WHY DID MUSSOLINI attack Greece, and what made him choose that particular moment for an adventure as ill-prepared as it was criminal? asked Mr. Amery, Secretary for India, in a speech yesterday.

Could it be that things were not lovely and rosy in the gangsters' garden as we have been told?

Mr. Amery suggested that the lesser gangster, impatient at being kept waiting for his share of the loot at the expense of France, might have thought to double-cross his fellow and pinch one valuable asset which might be kept or changed for a bigger voice in the general carve-up of the Balkans.

Where was the miscalculation? Mr. Amery did not believe that it lay in the inferiority of the Italians as fighting men, but he thought it lay in their unwillingness to sacrifice their lives in a war they knew to be unnecessary and unjust and in which victory could only result in Italy's permanent subjection to Germany.

The Greeks, on the other hand, fought like heroes because they believed passionately in their cause and resented the outrage done to them and to their beautiful country.

Grecian Misadventure

Mr. Amery thought that the Grecian misadventure might give Britain and her growing Allies a chance to get at Germany by the back door.

We might eventually deal a mortal thrust at the German Dragon, not against the steely armour of the Siegfried Line but against the soft under-side.

The new possibilities of the situation have cheered our friends and given pause to those who might be tempted to side with our enemies.—Reuter.

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When two men appeared on remand at Old Street, London, charged with being concerned in the theft of toffee, a piece of chocolate and a dummy chocolate carton, total value 9d., which had been left exposed or unprotected as a consequence of war operations, an alternative charge of simple larceny was preferred.

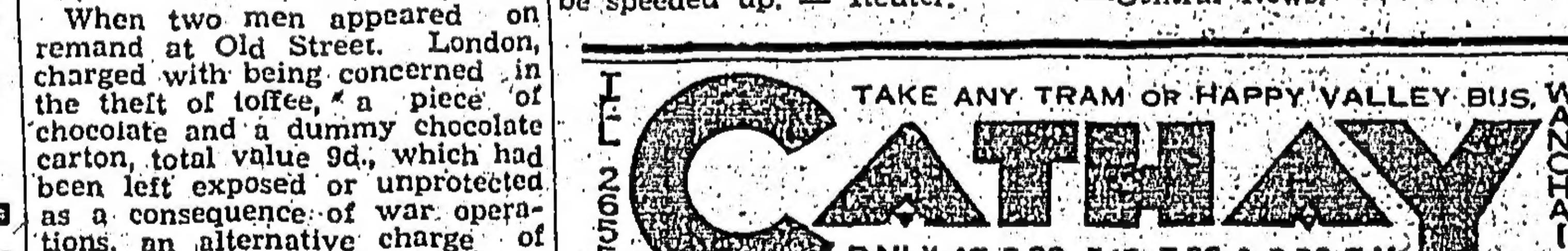
The men—Charles Groman, thirty-two, a porter, of Cannon-street trader, of Bancroft Road, and David Rothman, nineteen, a street trade, of Bancroft Road, Stepney, pleaded guilty to the fresh charge, and were each sentenced to three months' hard labour.

It was stated that a confectionery shop was damaged by a bomb and part of the window stock had fallen to the pavement. A police constable saw the men pick up some of the confectionery.

Groman was also seen to pick up an empty chocolate box and throw it away. Rothman had a previous conviction for theft.

On Rothman's behalf, it was stated that he now realised the gravity of the offence, which in certain circumstances was punishable by death.

Some time ago he fell from a window, and his mother said he was "a bit out of the ordinary."



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By BUD FISHER

ORDERS RENT RAMP TO STOP

AS A RESULT of the big demand for accommodation in certain areas and the charging of exorbitant rents in some cases, housing authorities have been told to keep a close watch for instances where illegal rents are being charged. Where necessary, proceedings are to be taken against the landlords under the Rent Restriction Acts.

In a circular sent to local authorities, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Minister of Health, says that it has been represented to him that advantage is being taken of the present exceptional demand for accommodation to charge high rents.

As a result, people who have lost their homes through bombing have difficulty in finding houses.

The circular points out that the great majority of the houses in England and Wales are controlled under the Rent Restriction Acts, and consequently there is a statutory limitation on rent which may be demanded.

Hint To Councils

The Acts do not in general apply to furnished lettings, but they empower the Courts to order that any payments of

rent in excess of a normal profit shall be repaid by the landlord.

Landlords charging extortionate rents for furnished lettings are also liable to a fine up to £100.

Local authorities are empowered to institute proceedings for any offence under the Rent Restriction Acts, and the Minister hopes that they will not hesitate to use this power whenever circumstances warrant.

The Minister adds that, in some cases, because of the restrictions on rent, owners of empty houses are refusing to let them and are prepared only to sell.

He therefore reminds local councils of their powers of requisitioning empty houses, which can, if necessary, be exercised in such cases.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE AT 83

One of the oldest war workers in Britain is Captain Joseph Francis Trezise, of Bristol.

As a boy he went to sea before the mast. To-day, at the age of eighty-three, he is still on "active service" — though he now carries out his duties on land.

Forty-one years ago he founded the Bristol City and Marine Ambulance Corps, which did magnificent work in the last war and carries on the same tradition in this one.

Spry as the youngest war worker in the city, Captain Trezise supervises all the financial side of the business. His first year's income was £26. Now he has to deal with more than £3,600, buy new ambulances and train new men as the war takes his younger drivers.

Known in Bristol as "The man who never takes a holiday," Captain Trezise has not even had a day off since the war started.

His wife drags him out of his office at 7.30 p.m., but even then he insists on taking his books to the dug-out to continue work during air-raid warnings.

DID NOT KNOW HIS RIFLE

"He did not realise that pulling the bolt back and closing it again put a cartridge into the breach."

The St. Pancras (London) coroner said this of a Home Guard who, not appreciating the fact that his rifle was loaded, accidentally shot another.

The coroner (Mr. W. Bentley Purchase) recorded a verdict of Accidental death on Henry Alfred Driver, eighteen, of Marlborough Road, Holloway, who was shot through the head by a comrade.

"It is desirable that steps should be taken to impress on the people concerned that this sort of thing should not occur again," said the coroner.

Mr. Charles Hamburg, officer-commanding the company, replied: "I can assure you that the steps have been taken."

FOUND £116 - HIS REWARD WAS £2

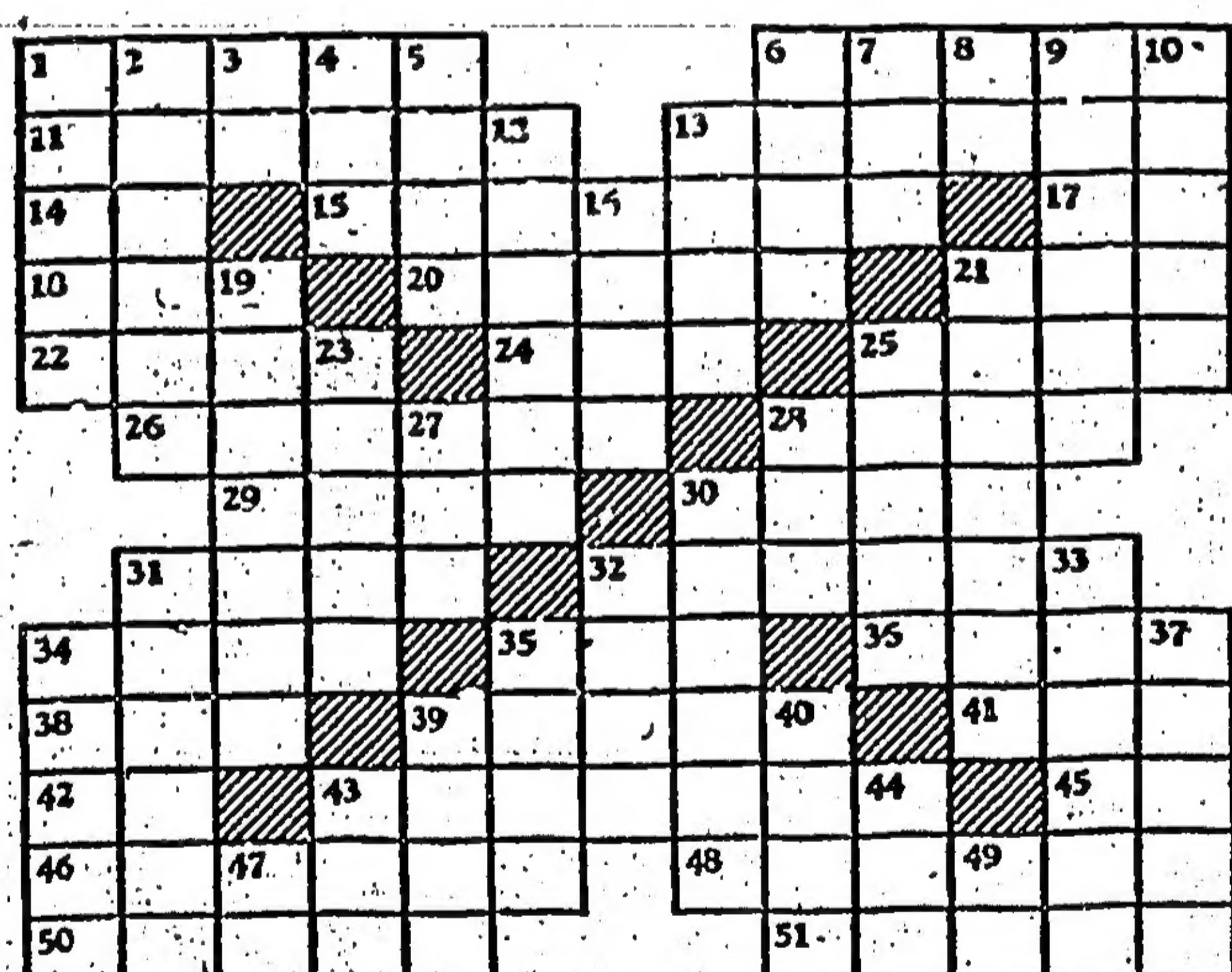
Stepping into a telephone kiosk, Mr. Cyril Gill, of George Street, Plymouth, found a brown leather bag containing £116 17s. 7d. lying beside the telephone.

He took it to the nearest police station where the money was counted out and a receipt was given.

As he was going out an agitated and breathless man ran in to report his loss of the money.

When he saw the bag on the table and was told who had found it, he turned to Mr. Gill, thanked him for his honesty and rewarded him with two pound notes.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- Lance
- Aslant
- Nipper-like organ
- Interruption
- Either
- To raise
- Symbol for sodium
- Label
- Period of time (pl.)
- Cushion
- To see visions in a crystal
- Energy
- Companion
- Farmers
- Rabbit
- Protection
- Opera by Verdi
- To disturb
- Steps
- Class of birds
- Hindu weight
- To apportion
- Coral
- King of Crete
- Split pulse
- Spanish article

VERTICAL

- Slang: talkative person
- Symbol for nickel
- Aggression
- Things to be done
- To rent
- Opposed to ice
- Stains
- Robbery committed on the high seas
- Printer's measure
- High card
- To depend
- Islands

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- Hebrew letter
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- Hindu ascetics
- Title of courtesy
- Russian commune
- To hasten
- Spanish measure
- Slender
- To incline
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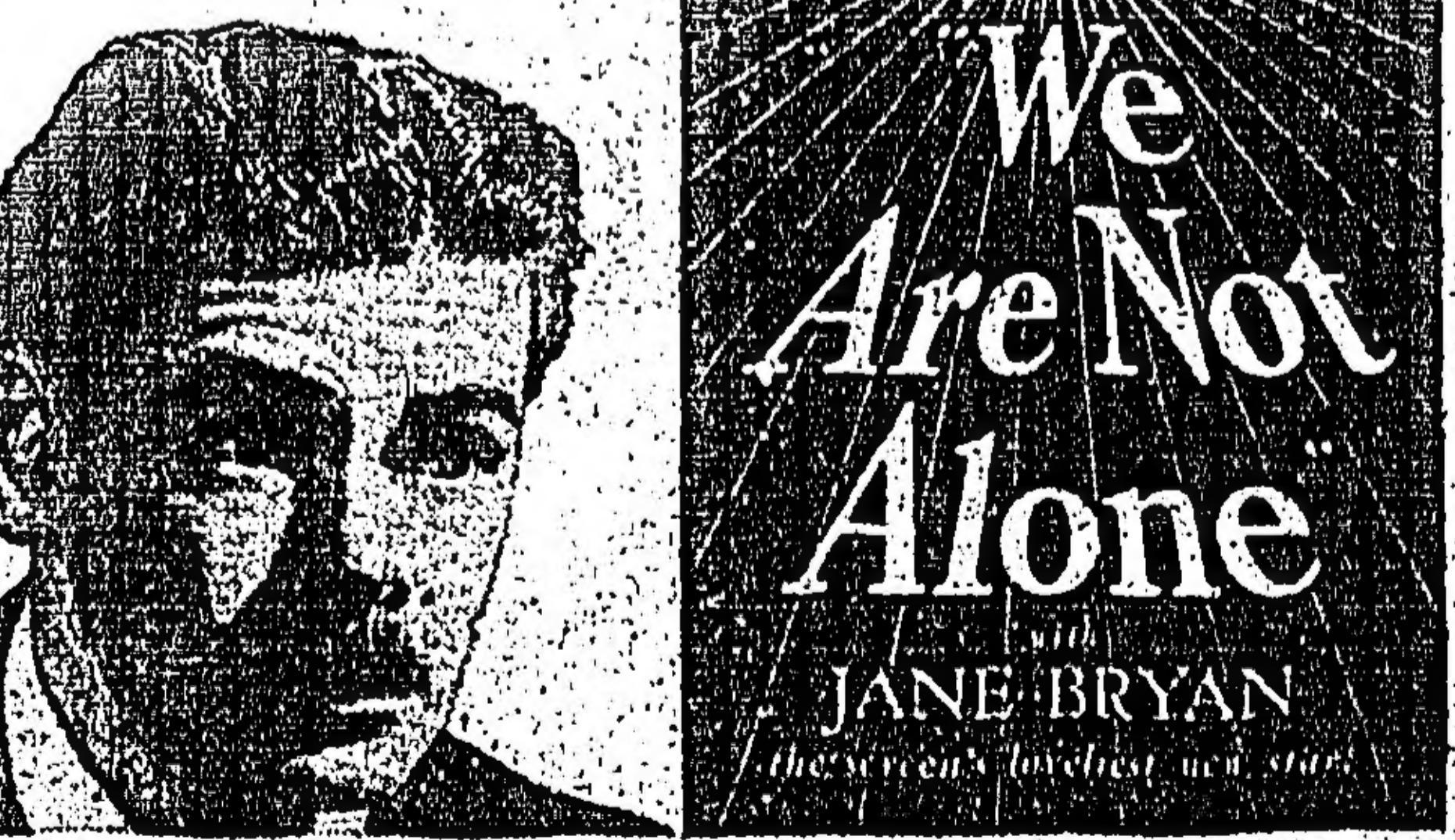
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FALLACIES OF NAZI FINANCE SHOWN UP

JUDGED BY ALL conventional tests, Hitler's Germany seems to have had no serious difficulty until now in financing the war. Nothing is ever heard of the necessity for increasing taxation, of resorting to compulsory saving, or of the public issue of enormous war loans.

Quite the contrary. Recently one important tax was abolished. Reich revenue in the financial year ended March 31, 1940, reached a new all-time record, and, although millions of men called to the Colours have been withdrawn from production and ceased to pay taxes, revenue receipts during the first four months of the current financial year justify the expectation of a new record this year.

Public savings banks deposits touch new monthly records again and again. Money is so plentiful that the interest rate on Reich loans could recently be reduced from 4½ to 4 per cent, while new loans now run for 20 years instead of 10. Reich loan is, in fact, taken up continuously without any public appeal. These facts are incontestable and are incessantly emphasised in Nazi propaganda. Hitler seems to have discovered the secret of making something out of nothing and to have evolved a system based on perpetual motion.

From its very inception in 1933 the preparation for totalitarian war necessarily took the financial aspects of the undertaking fully into account. Germany owed her first advantage over Britain to the fact that the German World War debt had been almost completely written off by the inflation of 1923, whereas Britain to-day is still paying interest and amortisation on her own loans. Consequently Britain has a correspondingly smaller proportion of potential State revenue for financing this war. This initial advantage to Germany has, however, virtually disappeared by now, because of the immense new debt amassed by the Nazis through rearmament. In 1914 the German national debt stood at somewhat above five milliards of marks (then £250,000,000). By 1918 it had risen to 157 milliards of marks (about £7,850,000,000), in those days a sum of astronomical magnitude.

After The Last War

Financial collapse was not the cause of the last German defeat. When the World War ended the gold deposit at the Reichsbank was still more than two milliards of marks, while German investments abroad were estimated to be worth at least 20 milliards of marks. What forced Germany to ask for peace was military exhaustion, largely due to the severity and duration of the blockade. But after military defeat, territorial loss and economic cessions, and the obligation to pay reparations expected to continue for quite two generations, the cancellation of the German post-War national debt became almost inevitable. Only on one condition would it have been possible for Germany to weather the storm—markets without limit for the absorption of whatever quantities of industrial exports circumstances made necessary.

Beyond doubt one of the fundamental causes of this war has been the unrelaxing efforts of Germany since 1918 to secure wide enough foreign markets to straighten her finances at the very time when all her competitors were forced by their own war debts to accept exactly the same course. Continuous friction was inevitable. Before his advent to power Hitler had clearly realised that, though reparations had stopped, the economic salvation of Germany—by which he meant the solution of the unemployment problem—depended on his providing German industry with the required unlimited markets. Given that unemployment was bound to disappear, but as no sufficiently substantial increase of exports could be effected overnight, the obvious course was for the State, as an emergency measure, to provide "unlimited" orders itself. For this

short-term indebtedness, though more and more was left unpaid.

Fertilising Process

Serious efforts were made while Dr. Schacht was still in office to consolidate the short-term debt, by monopolising the capital market and forbidding private issues. The Reich compelled all savings banks, insurance companies, trustee societies, and mortgage and commercial banks to take up short-term Treasury Bills and subscribe to long-term Reich loans. The bills, being discountable, were almost equivalent to cash. Loans were taken up readily because the security of the State was the best available—at least in theory—and remuneration high. Thus all the savings of the rank and file of the workers of Germany, and all the profits earned by industry and banking and seeking investment, all interest payments on loans and mortgages, were continuously and automatically made available to the Reich to finance rearmament. As fast as money was earned it was ploughed back to fertilise the process producing the apparent well-being.

As extravagance grew greater and greater Hitler had again and again to emphasise the need for "increasing production," so as to keep up the increase of revenue. Workers were forced to toil longer hours. Better and better machines were installed to multiply output. Technical research was lavishly endowed. Agriculture was mechanised and motorised. But as both prices and wages had been pegged early in the regime individual workers obtained no share of the increase. Their standard of living was actually reduced by heavy private taxation levied by the party and by contributions to the Labour Front and Winter Help. If they did not openly complain it was because they realised that under Hitler they were at least sure of their jobs. Dividends had also been pegged at 6 per cent. All profits over and above those available for distribution had to be invested in Reich securities. So shareholders did not participate in the profits of increased production either. And to prevent any undue increase of private spending rationing was introduced in a camouflaged form two years before war began.

The Catch

The re-employment of nearly 7,000,000 workers who had been drawing relief pay from the State eased the Reich Budget, while State revenue increased continuously as these workers again became taxpayers. The catch in the process, of course, was that the State itself was paying their wages. Only a fraction of the earnings came back to increase revenue. Earnings were not coming out of genuine economic gain. At first Hitler had no worry in obtaining imported raw materials, as all German factories held heavy stocks for which there had been no use while the world economic depression lasted. According to one annual report of the State-owned Reichskreditgesellschaft, stocks of industrial raw materials and semi-products, when Hitler came into power, aggregated no less in value than Rm.20 milliards, or £1,000,000,000. Nor did Hitler lack plant. Shortly before the advent of the Nazi regime German industry had been thoroughly rationalised. And skilled labour was abundant. So immense latent productivity awaited exploitation.

A Thousand Stratagems

All that industry needed for its revitalisation was (1) orders, and (2) credit. Both could be furnished without limit by the State. The orders came from rearmament. For such gigantic operations as Hitler envisaged immense sums in cash were required. How these were provided constitutes the secret of the German financial "miracle," and explains the apparent success of German war finance.

No single patent remedy was employed. A thousand different ingenious stratagems were used, all being variations of a few basic principles.

Hitler proceeded throughout on the conviction that expenditure could be increased infinitely as long as production kept pace. But he acted as though the making of armaments were a genuine form of economic production, whereas this was true only to the extent that he was able to export arms.

Such was not his object. Every gun and tank and aeroplane manufactured and kept sterilised raw materials and froze up working capital. And the whole process could go on only so long as it was possible to continue to borrow. Ignoring economic fact, Hitler forced "national income" higher and higher every year, from Rm.45.2 milliards in 1932 to Rm.70.7 milliards in 1938. In 1929, before the depression, it was Rm.75.8 milliards. Expansion of national income naturally resulted in the increase of State revenue, the Nazis performing the apparently ridiculous feat of raising revenue from Rm.6.6 milliards in 1932-33 to Rm.23.6 milliards in 1939-40. But the State was financing this phenomenal prosperity itself by increasing the national debt. Expenditure each year far exceeded revenue, but the annual increase of revenue paid off a part of the increase of

The Basis Of Policy

If Hitler spoke the truth at the outbreak of the war, when he said that up till then rearmament had cost Rm.90 milliards, it can be shown that the total indebtedness of the Reich disclosed and undislosed, at the end of November, 1939, was about Rm.95 milliards, and at the end of August, 1940, must have been Rm.115-120 milliards, to which the indebtedness of the States and Communes must be added. The recorded Reich debt—which includes only the lesser part of the short-term borrowing at the end of June, 1940, was returned at Rm.55.2 milliards, as against only Rm.11.7 milliards when Hitler took office.

In the second quarter of 1940 the Reich debt increased on the average by Rm.2.7 milliards monthly, as against Rm.2.05 milliards in the preceding quarter. In the first 10 months of war the long- and short-term loans to finance the war aggregated Rm.22 milliards. State-Secretary Reinhardt recently revealed that about only one-half of the German war expenditure was being met out of revenue. Reich indebtedness is therefore rapidly approaching the aggregate it reached at the end of the World War. Recently it was admitted that the necessity for further borrowing made the reduction of interest rates on Reich loans from 4½ to 4 per cent imperative.

In an authoritarian State, where private property exists only on sufferance, interest rates can always be still further lowered, a capital levy raised, debt partly or wholly cancelled, or the standard of life reduced by stricter rationing; and this process can be continued till the limit of human endurance is reached. There is therefore no likelihood of Hitler losing the war on financial grounds. But it is indisputable that Nazi finance has been based throughout on the assumption that Germany would win and transfer her bankruptcy to the other side of the Channel by imposing stupendous indemnities.

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GREECE ATHWART THE AXIS?

One of the most interesting aspects of the Italo-Greek war is its apparent undesirability, as seen from Berlin. The clash occurred just before Mussolini met Hitler at Florence. Had Il Duce conceived it as part of the Axis plan for conquest in South-eastern Europe, and primarily a step in the campaign against Britain, he might well have waited a few hours for final consultation with his partner.

German comment on the affair has been remarkably detached. Berlin's attitude seems to say that of course the Third Reich will support its Axis partner, but that for the time being this war is Italy's business.

All Herr Hitler's plans for Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia aimed at organisation of this region as an untroubled storehouse of supplies for the Nazi military machine. Mussolini's little war is causing a disturbance right at Hitler's back door. It has enabled Britain to establish British forces on Continental soil and British ships in new bases in the Mediterranean. Berlin is also pondering whether the ties that bind Turkey to Russia and to Britain will not begin to pull those two Great Powers more closely together.

This really was no time to make trouble in Greece. Perhaps Il Duce did not expect trouble. The slightness of Italian forces at first sent against the Greeks suggests that a "fifth column" was expected to prepare the road for Italian conquest. The impulsiveness of the Italian move suggests that Il Duce may have wished to have one fait accompli with which to confront his spectacular partner when the two met at Florence.

But the Fascists have got themselves into something that they cannot get out of.

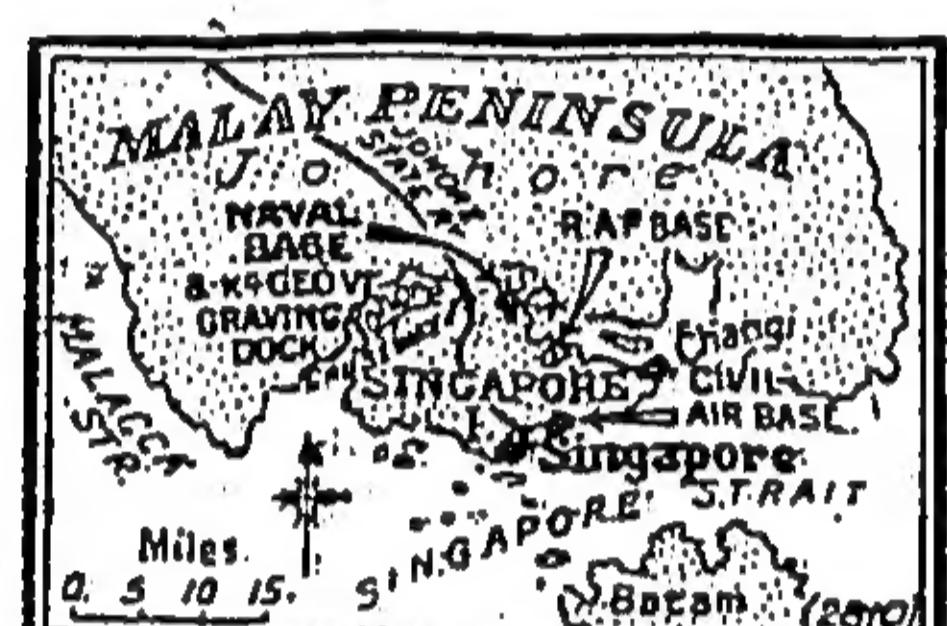
Singapore Planning For All Contingencies

From A Singapore Correspondent

The announcement by the Officer Administering the Government of the Straits Settlements (Mr. S. W. Jones) that the plans drawn up three or four years ago by the Imperial Government for the defence of Malaya have now been carried out is welcomed as confirmation of the belief that the Singapore plan is now complete.

The foresight of those who, 20 years ago, decided to establish great naval base at Singapore has never been more apparent than it is to-day when the island, at the southernmost point of continental Asia, is the corner-stone of British strategy over a wide area in East Asia, the western Pacific, and the Indian Ocean. The defences of Singapore are in perfect trim and fully prepared for any emergency.

It is not always realised that Singapore is much more than a naval base, although that is its primary function in the scheme of Empire defence. It is no less



important as an air base, while the troops and fortifications which defend the naval and air bases make it a fortress of the first order.

Ready For All Tasks

Less has been heard in recent years of the supposed "menace" of Singapore to the Japanese Empire. The Japanese have evidently come to realise that a base which is as far from Yokohama as Gibraltar is from New York could not seriously threaten their home coastline. That it could be used to very good purpose in operations in the China Sea and beyond cannot be doubted.

It has been remarked that a naval base is never really "completed," since changes in naval practice are always making new demands on a repair and refitting station, but it can be said that the Singapore naval base is complete in the sense that it can carry out all the tasks assigned to it. Since the King George VI graving dock, one of the biggest of its kind in the world, was officially opened two years ago, work has been continuing at the base unceasingly. Much has been spent in finishing the workshops in the dockyard area, improving the facilities for warships using the base, increasing the accommodation available, and providing the Admiralty with a powerful and up-to-date radio station.

Although Singapore is primarily a base for warships operating in Far Eastern waters and the Indian Ocean there is no reason why it should not be used for repairing, overhauling, and refitting vessels from greater distances. The Navy has its bases in the Mediterranean sufficient for all purposes, but in certain circumstances it might be convenient to send a ship all the way to Singapore, which has so far been entirely free from any danger of enemy action. The same applies to merchant shipping, and the Singapore Harbour Board has very adequate dry docking accommodation which would supplement the naval facilities. The fact that Singapore has a floating dock and graving dock both capable of taking the biggest vessels, affords means that there is no limit to the work which can be carried out here.

While the Navy preserves its customary and necessary silence regarding its operations, it is possible to refer to some aspects of the work of the Straits Settlements R.N.V.R. and the shore establishment which is training Malays for service with the Navy. The R.N.V.R. are chiefly responsible for mine-clearing, trade

routes leading to and from Singapore. The Colony's own R.N.V.R. also mans patrol vessels which operate in Malayan waters. These ships and the minesweepers are manned by Malay ratings with European officers. The Malays are by tradition a seafaring race, and there has been no lack of the right material for recruits. Training has now been going on for more than six months, and these men, who are enlisted for service in local waters only, are proud to be serving in what they hope may one day develop into a Royal Navy to assist in local defence.

R.A.F. Patrols

Singapore is not so well known to the outside world as an air centre, although some writers have suggested that it may one day become even more important for its air strength than as a naval station. Be that as it may, the Royal Air Force is at present busy in all parts of the Malay peninsula. There are several Service aerodromes on Singapore island, and the civil airport, one of the most modern east of Suez, is also at the disposal of the R.A.F. Up country the R.A.F. have available both their own aerodromes and those originally built for civil purposes. Malaya is not a large country, but is very well provided with aerodromes; from Alor Star and Kota Bahru in the north to Singapore in the south, and these

provide the R.A.F. not only with good operational centres but would naturally be invaluable in facilitating the dispersal of the air forces attached to the R.A.F. Far East Command.

From Singapore the R.A.F. looks out across the South China Sea to Hong Kong, and south-east to Borneo and Sarawak, west to Ceylon, and south to Port Darwin and Australia. Its duties in wartime would be similar in some respects to those of the Coastal Command in Great Britain. The Sunderland flying-boats for reconnaissance work are well known in Singapore, as are the Blenheim bombers, local photographs of which have appeared in the Malayan newspapers. The R.A.F. units in Malaya have a large area to patrol, and the long coast-line of the Malay peninsula would need to be constantly watched if there were ever a threat to this country.

Apart from the normal R.A.F. activities, the air defences of Malaya are being strengthened by the resuscitation of the Volunteer Air Force in the Colony. The new organisation embraces the flying clubs, whose aircraft will be available for training and other duties. Another activity of the Volunteer Air Force, financed by the Malayan Government, is the formation of a flying school where potential R.A.F. pilots are given preliminary training until ready to proceed overseas for intermediate and advanced Service training. As the existing cadets pass

out into the R.A.F. others will be enrolled. All British subjects are eligible, whether European or

Deep Shelters For All

The townspeople of Malta have settled down to a new life below ground. This strange existence is becoming almost as normal to them as it is to the Guanches of the Grand Canary, who have for generations lived in caves. The Guanches kept to the earth to avoid a tax on doors; the Maltese go below for 100 per cent security from Italian bombs.

Malta has deep shelters cut into the sandstone, enough to accommodate all her townspeople. They were made, to some extent, in preparation for war. Not this war, but war centuries ago.

The Knights of St. John ruled Malta for three centuries and built towns and fortifications. They quarried for their stone beneath the sites, and then cut underground passages from one set of fortifications to another. Some of these quarries were excavated and some of these tunnels were dug 500 years ago; others, notably those at Valletta, were made after the Knights had defeated a Turkish siege 375 years ago.

Malta thus had these ready-made refuges when Italy made war upon her. The authorities had no need to make any more, but they set to work to make the shelters more easily accessible and, where possible, to give the people a little comfort with their security.

They cut additional tunnels into the rock, and they linked up many deep wells and also the dry moats which surround all Maltese towns, to improve communication with the main shelters. They also put into service a disused railway tunnel nearly a mile in length.

Where possible and where necessary they have installed drainage systems and fitted fans to improve ventilation. At the entrances to some of the larger shelters they have provided the women with washing facilities. With additional entrances and improved communication below

ground, the townspeople can quickly get to shelter. The Italian raiders come on the average twice a day (or night). They have to fly fewer than 60 miles from the Sicilian coast, and so the warnings are short. When the aircraft are near the population can be sent underground in a few minutes.

In the evening most of the townspeople go to the shelters. Different families when the raids began staked their claims, like gold-diggers. Now they have a section of a shelter which is regarded as their own. All of them have taken part of their bedding there and some families also have their own cooking utensils.

Bombs have been scattered freely above them, but in some 150 raids no one in these shelters has been injured.

When the battering of the towns made many people homeless, these refugees made their permanent homes below ground. One of the largest shelters can accommodate 3000 people.

Without these shelters there would have been a heavy toll of life. For Malta is one of the most thickly-populated parts of the world. On the island, 17 miles long and 9 miles wide, there are some 270,000 people. In Valletta, the capital, there are 55,000. Most of the houses, made of stone, are strongly built and have cellars which are a protection from blast, but the people prefer the greater safety of the less comfortable deep shelters. There is also the psychological factor, that families in times of danger, prefer company to loneliness. However little it may be justified, there is a feeling of greater safety in numbers.

Malta thus has the good fortune of being able to carry on its ordinary life, to work as usual, to sleep in safety, and to get a certain amount of relaxation, in spite of the fact that raids have been so numerous that the people long ago ceased to count them.

non-European. The Air Force is making the maximum possible use of the local-born population of Malaya, and a technical corps of artisans and other non-flying personnel has been formed for ground crews, M.T., drivers, and motor-launch crews. The Air Ministry is organising a special one-year training course with the cooperation of the Department of Education.



A Fortified Coast

Singapore is immensely strong in fortifications. The coastal batteries have tremendous range and protect all sea approaches to the naval base. The advantage held by land batteries in an encounter with warships was shown in the Norwegian campaign, and there is every reason to believe that any hostile vessels approaching Singapore would receive a very warm reception.

The garrison includes British, Indian, and Malay soldiers, who are all by now fully acquainted with their roles in the defence of Singapore and the Malay peninsula. The defence of the "back door" approaches to Singapore, via the east coast presents a special problem and training in "jungle warfare" tactics has been given to all the units likely to be affected. The jungles are one of the natural defences of Singapore, for, although there is no virgin jungle on the island, the approaches to south Malaya through Johore, and many square miles of country farther north are covered with thick wooded territory through which a hostile force could not hope to advance. The additional fact that there are comparatively few roads on the east of the peninsula considerably simplifies the defence problem.



Volunteer Aid

The Malaya Command includes several thousand volunteer troops, Europeans and non-Europeans, in civilian life, whose training has recently been completed at camps lasting two months. These units are being reinforced by Europeans called up under the Compulsory Training Ordinance. The Militia have been working extremely hard and will soon be fully trained. The Army makes good use of the non-European man-power in the country. There is the well-known Malay Regiment raised a few years ago and now at full strength. Malay units in the Royal Engineers, Malays in the R.A.S.C., and other ancillary units, and Eurasians have been recruited for an anti-aircraft regiment and the Royal Corps of Signals.

Problems of internal security were studied long before the Fifth Column menace became apparent in Europe. A strict control over aliens is maintained and, in an emergency, forces are available for guarding strategic buildings. These arrangements will be supplemented in the near future by the formation of a Local Defence Corps, similar to the Home Guard in Great Britain, with branches in every part of the country. The men enlisted will be principally those who are over military age.

Singapore's food control arrangements are chiefly concerned with ensuring the maintenance of adequate stocks of rice in the Colony. The Government has instituted a pooling system by means of which the emergency stocks are constantly turned over to prevent deterioration. A modified plan for individual rationing, to be enforced only in the event of shipping routes being seriously disturbed, is being tried, and rice consumers are required to register with their usual dealers. The food control department also fixes maximum prices for a number of other essential commodities, including flour, milk, and sugar, and there has been remarkably little food profiteering during the past 12 months.

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BOMB DAMAGE TO ST. PAUL'S

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL was hit and damaged by a bomb in a recent air raid. Fortunately the damage, although serious, is confined and not irreparable. Indeed, it has demonstrated how well Wren designed, how surely his builders worked nearly three centuries ago, and how enduring is the Portland stone they used.

The Air Ministry, in a communiqué stated:— During a recent attack on London an enemy aircraft dropped a bomb on St. Paul's Cathedral, piercing the roof at the east end of the cathedral and destroying the high altar.

The main fabric of the cathedral was not affected, nor was the choir damaged, and no one was injured.

Open To The Sky

The bomb struck the roof immediately above the high altar, pierced the lead of the outer roof, which was left rippled, and exploded either in passing to the stone roof beneath or when it hit the Portland stone, in which it tore a hole about 20ft. by 10ft., leaving the cathedral, with its magnificent vaulting, open to the still more majestic vault of the sky. The lead served as an effective shock absorber, so that a member of the staff who was leaving the cathedral at the west end when the bomb fell was unaware that the cathedral itself had been hit.

It was fortunate, too, that the bomb exploded where it did, in the lofty roof, for had it fallen through to ground level before exploding the damage must have been much more extensive. Although the beautiful high altar was wrecked, the damage is surprisingly local. The choir, with its fine stalls by Grinling Gibbons, is intact, though covered with dust and odd pieces of fallen stone.

This part of the cathedral presents a melancholy scene. Where the altar stood is a pile of fragments of stone, some of immense size, interlaced with which are pieces of the costly cross, studded with precious stones, and of candlesticks, all of them a gift to the cathedral about 40 years ago. It was big pieces of stone falling some 90ft. from the roof which ruined the altar. One block was more than a cubic yard in size.

Reredos Damaged

Fortunately, too, most of the work at this eastern end, though of great beauty, was comparatively modern, and no irreplaceable antiquities have been lost. The rich and lofty reredos was damaged. The gold and black frontal was wrecked. The Bishop's chair was flung against one of the wrought iron sanctuary gates, and some of its carving was badly scarred; but the Bishop's throne remained intact. The two tall bronze candlesticks which stood before the altar—copies of the originals stolen in Cromwell's time and now in the cathedral at Ghent—still stand upright, but one has been swung round and has lost its candle. Only one of two groups of lamps was broken. Four flower vases designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens which normally stood near the altar had been removed. The Lord Mayor's stall escaped damage. The reredos stands forward, dividing the eastern apse from the main body of the cathedral to form the Jesus Chapel, and this too was damaged.

Above, the fine mosaics which decorate the vaulting have been damaged. Near the gaping hole left in the roof a considerable part of the rim of one of the saucer domes has been smashed. Behind the altar beautiful stained glass windows—not of great age—have been riddled with holes. Flying stones had made holes, too, in a picture, "The Doubting of Thomas." The scene is desolate enough, with some of the chapter seats smashed, and furniture, carpets, and cushions in the disorder into which they were suddenly flung, but the havoc seems markedly confined amid the lofty spaciousness of the cathedral, and as mean in its way as the bombing of this particular objective itself.

There were many people in the cathedral, though below ground, when the bomb fell. A cathedral watch and the cathedral's own A.R.P. staff are on duty night by night, and in addition many clergy, members of the cathedral staff, and their families sleep each night in the crypt. Among those

who were sleeping in the crypt at the time and not far from where the bomb fell was Canon Alexander, who was wakened by the crash. He said a cathedral official who had inspected the damage with him had stated:—"This shows the marvellous binding of the masonry that Wren put in. It really is amazing. There was no jarring in the crypt. The structure of the cathedral seems the more wonderful the more you know and think about it."

Services In Crypt

Canon Alexander said that for the present services will be held in the crypt. Already services have been held there since the damage was done.

Only last month the whole nation and much of the world was filled with thankfulness when, at great risk to themselves, Royal Engineers removed a one-ton delayed action bomb which menaced the cathedral for three days before it was removed and taken by Lieutenant R. Davies to Hackney Marshes, where it was detonated. Mr. Davies and other members of his bomb disposal unit were decorated for their gallantry.

It is recalled that when Wren was planning his site and wanted to mark in the ground the point of the centre of his dome he asked a workman to bring him a piece of stone. The workman picked up at random a fragment of an ancient tombstone which bore the word Resurgam (I shall rise again). This Wren adopted for a motto, and on the pediment of the south porch is sculptured a phoenix which bears the inscription.

Two French nurses, Mlle. Edna Nicolle and Mlle. H. M. M. G. Terre, detained at the Ritz Hotel by Special Branch detectives, were transferred from Camberwell Police Station to Holloway Prison. They have been detained for forty-eight hours under Section 18d of the Defence Regulations, which gives the police power to detain any one if they have reasonable ground to suspect that person is about to act in any manner prejudicial to the public safety or the defence of the realm.

GIRL, FOUR DAYS UNDER DEBRIS, SAVED

A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD girl, buried under the wreckage of a house for four days and four nights, mourned as dead, was rescued seven hours after her cries from the wreckage revealed she was still alive.

It was at night that a rending, crashing German bomb visited the home in a south-west London district of Mildred Castillo, daughter of Dr. Richard Castillo.

Men fighting to get through the flames and smoke and crumbling masonry found the bodies of Mildred's mother and Mildred's little brother. Mildred's father, safe, was left to mourn.

The rescue work continued throughout the day and the night, and hopes of ever finding Mildred faded. Another day passed, and another.

Then—the fourth day after the tragedy—three men trying to make order out of a shambles heard cries—faint and pitiful.

3 Men Volunteer

The men, George Woodward, Wally Capon, and G. W. Pitman, volunteered to tunnel through the debris to rescue Mildred.

After seven hours' work, they got her out and she was taken to hospital. There they say she has an excellent chance of recovery.

Dr. Castillo has been staying with friends.

At their home a reporter was told. "The doctor rushed to the hospital. Immediately he was told that Mildred was alive.

"He was astounded by the news and at first could not believe that it was true."

MISSING MAN WRITES

Missing since June 20, a nine-year-old B.E.F. man, Private R. V. L. Clements, of Burnett Horney Common, Uckfield, Sussex, has written to his parents: "I am well. Long live England."

PARISIANS GO SHORT WHILE THE NAZIS FEED

A VIVID PICTURE OF Paris under German domination is painted by Mr. Seatree, an American partner in the famous British firm of Price, Waterhouse and Company.

Mr. Seatree was in charge of the firm's business in Paris. He has recently arrived at Lisbon as a refugee on his way to New York.

When the French collapse came, Mr. Seatree was in an emergency office in the provinces, but returned to Paris with his wife.

The Gestapo, accompanied by an armed guard, arrived at his office, and informed him that they knew all about him, his firm, and his clients. They said: "It will be better for you if you answer all questions correctly." They went to the filing room, and after going through the files, a bundle of them was set aside.

Mr. Seatree tried to obtain a list of the files, but he was told, "There is no object in doing so, as you will never see them again."

Securities Confiscated

The firm's bank accounts were confiscated, all cash in the safe was looted, and he was refused a receipt. The Gestapo also took an envelope, deposited by an employee, containing his savings of cash and bearer securities amounting to about 60,000 francs. They seized everything and forbade Mr. Seatree to remove a single document from the office.

He states that there is a severe food shortage in Paris, and Les Halles, the great market, is open to the French only after the Germans have been supplied. Milk and butter are extremely short, and eggs have not been obtainable for two months.

But it is a common sight to see German soldiers plentifully supplied with all these goods in the cafes. Half-bottles of champagne seem to be their usual beverage at lunch-time.

Mrs. Seatree said that it was heart-breaking to see mothers

HER LIFE SAVED BY A TABLE

A kitchen table saved the life of Mrs. R. Goody when her South-West London home collapsed under a bomb explosion.

"She was asleep under the table when the house was completely destroyed by blast," Mrs. Goody's daughter-in-law said.

"The table acted as a shelter and supported the whole weight of the wreckage so that she wasn't even injured."

Made A Tunnel

"A neighbour helped her to burrow her way out. He pulled the rafters away from the top while she pushed from below. Between them, they made a sort of tunnel through which she crawled to safety."

The bomb—a heavy one—killed two people, injured others, and severely damaged a number of houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were bombed out of their home into which they had moved only a few hours before.

Pinned To Bed

Salvage squads dug out people buried among wreckage.

Seventeen-year-old Eric Evans was pinned to his bed by fallen rafters and buried under two feet of dust and debris.

"He was unconscious when we got him out," said one of the rescuers, "but we managed to revive him, and he is all right."

PAID £5,200 FOR A DIAMOND

An unmounted blue-white diamond was sold at Christie's for £5,200 to a Miss Rose.

NEW HOMES FROM RUINS OF THE OLD

From the debris of bombed homes new ones will be built. The surveyor's departments of London boroughs—and elsewhere—are showing great skill in using all kinds of salvaged material.

When the demolition squad has done its job, workmen cart away the debris to sort it over for usable material.

Whole bricks and tiles, undamaged window frames, laths and rafters—anything that has escaped whole from the wreckage—is put on one side, to be used in building new houses or repairing others not too badly damaged.

"We use as much as we can," a surveyor of a London borough told a reporter. "Building materials are scarce these days and thousands of bricks go back into service to repair damaged houses. It is amazing how much can be used again—even in the erection of new property."

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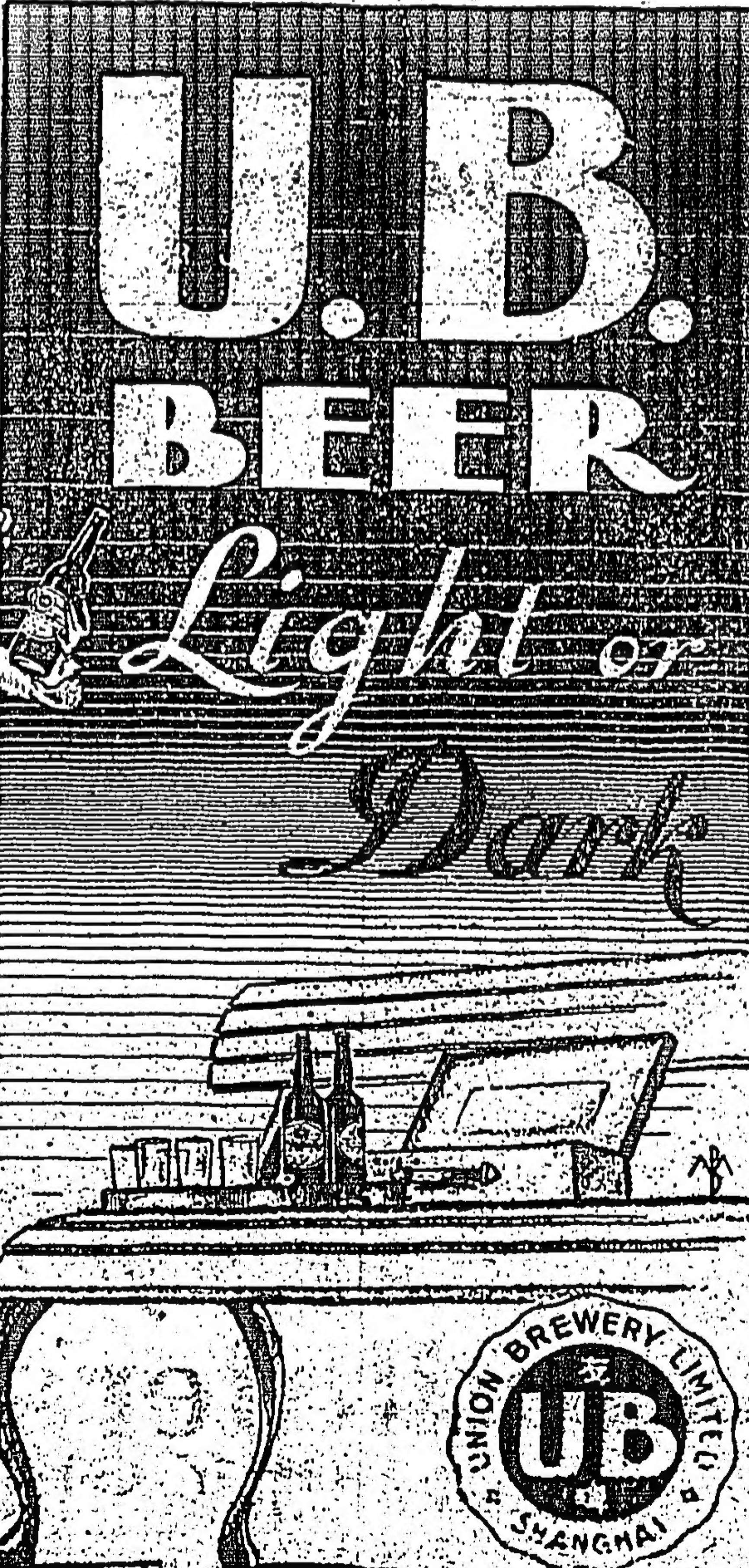
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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 5th December, 1940.

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Hong Kong. 2nd Dec., 1940.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, 4th Dec., 1940 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, (Room No. 205, 2nd Floor).

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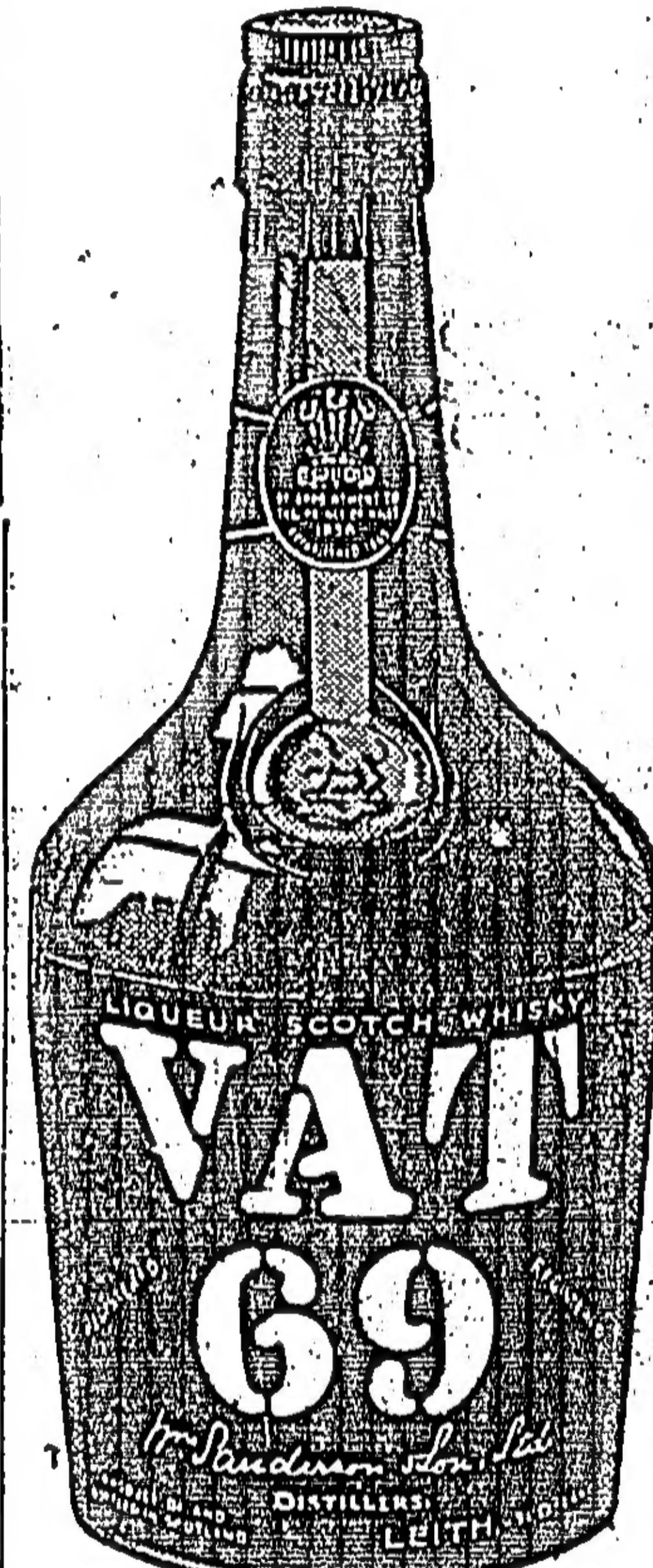
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Choosing A Finesse
By The Four Aces

Some players think Ace-Queen combinations were made for finesse; it takes a good player to know when to refuse a finesse!

East. Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♦ Q J			
♦ A ♦ 7			
♦ 9 8 6 2			
♦ A Q J 10			
♦ 6 5 4 2	N	♦ 7 4	
♦ 9 6 5 3		♦ 8 4 2	
♦ 5		♦ A K J 1	
♦ 1 6 5 3		♦ 3	
♦ A K 10 9 8			
♦ 10			
♦ Q 9 8			
♦ 7 6 5 2			

The bidding:
East South West North
1♦ 1♦ Pass 3♦
Pass 1♦ Pass Pass

North's jump raise may appear a little unusual, since he had only two spades, but he could be sure these two trumps would be ample support for a suit worth a vulnerable overcall. As a matter of fact, a raise to game would have been beyond criticism.

West opened his singleton diamond, and East took the top diamonds, and led a third round for his partner to ruff. West then led a heart—and South resisted the impulse to finesse. Regardless of the fate of a heart finesse, South would still need the finesse to make his contract. But if the club finesse succeeded, South could obtain a heart discard on dummy's fourth club. Therefore the game depended on the club finesse; and the heart finesse was absolutely unnecessary and irrelevant.

Declarer therefore put up dummy's Ace of hearts and led the Jack of spades to his own Ace. He then successfully finessed the ten clubs. The Queen of spades was overtaken by South's King, and the spade ten drew the last trump. Then South finessed the club Jack. He returned to his hand by ruffing dummy's last diamond, to take a third club finesse; and then the club Ace furnished a heart discard.

Saturday you played a Small Slam contract with no losers in the side suits, but with the following trump suit:

♦ 5 3
Dummys

You A K J 4 2
How did you play the trump suit?

ANSWER: Play the Ace or King first. If only small cards drop, get over to the dummy and finesse the Jack. To finesse on the first round will result in the loss of two trump tricks if the blank Queen is held on your left.

Score 100% for the recommended play, 0 for any other.

Question No. 578

To-day you are playing another Small Slam Contract. Once again you have entries to each hand, no losers in the side suits, and the following trump suit:

8 7 6 5
dummy

You A K 10 9

How do you play the trump suit?

(Answer To-morrow.)

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SHE FOUND BLISS

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bliss, of Willingborough, Northants, live up to their name.

They have completed sixty-nine years of married life and claim that they have never quarrelled.

Mr. Bliss's recipe for bliss is "When you don't know what to say, say nothing."

He is ninety, and retired from work as a railwayman twenty years ago. He still runs an allotment.

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NAZI SPY MISLAI SECRET, WE GOT IT

CAPTAIN EBERHARD SPIELER, Assistant German Air Attaché up to the outbreak of war, has been killed in air fighting over Britain. It is now possible to disclose that Spiller, really a spy in Britain before the war, committed one of those blunders which are occasionally characteristic of German agents.

Thus, Britain was able to obtain first-hand knowledge of Germany's advanced plans for this weapon.

Spiller fled to The Hague, in Holland, and was engaged in espionage there until the invasion. He was a close associate of Baron von Rheinbaben, a very notorious member of the German Secret Service.

He was among the members of the German Embassy staff who failed to pay their debts before returning to Germany. His victims included many West End tradesmen, hotels and restaurants.

He even persuaded an attaché of a neutral Embassy to cash a dud cheque the day before his departure.

Clubmen suspected him of cardsharping, and he was therefore avoided by the majority of the Corps Diplomatique.

'PLANE ABLAZE BUT GOT HOME'

In an attack on German invasion bases, one of our bombers, which flew through a terrific A.A. barrage, was badly hit and caught fire.

For a brief period the captain thought his aircraft was doomed and that it would be necessary to abandon it. The greater part of the damage was in the centre of the aircraft, close to the rear gunner's position.

Ready To Jump

"The fire broke out amidships immediately after or during the attack," said the captain. "I warned my crew to prepare to jump. This would not have been easy for them because not only were the flames beginning to spread but thousands of rounds of ammunition were exploding."

"I urged my crew to make every effort to extinguish the fire, and ten minutes later my wireless operator reported 'fire out'." The damage was so severe that the aircraft was destroyed, while the interior of the fuselage and the air gunner's cockpit were almost destroyed.

OFF THE RECORD



"The government is making a... you can't live with your present condition?"

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Bringing Up Father



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By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN Self-Confidence

The first days of school can be terrifying to the young, and they can become "scar" days too. Children, as you know, are cruel little beasts with one another and the sensitive, timid child suffers greatly from the ribbing and teasing in which the smart-alecs delight.

If you are a wise parent or guardian, you will prepare your daughter for the ordeal. Boys, more or less, learn at an early age to either ignore the bully or to team up with him, so his feelings are not so easily hurt. But daughter needs a bit of pre-schooling!

Some mothers will resent what next I have to say. Help your child to be one of the group—don't stress her individuality too strongly.

Children act like sheep. What one does the others want to do. What one wears the others want to wear. The child who dares to be different is quickly tagged as the "black sheep" and is not included in the group. Her school days can be lonely, heartaching days. School-yard games, and after-school parties will go on without her. She will distort her little mind by wondering, "Why am I not wanted?"

With discretion, help your little ward to be one of the girls. If other girls are wearing little striped cotton blouses and dark plain skirts, let your child wear them. If girls are wearing barretts instead of hair-ribbons, let your child wear a barret. If the little girls go to the Saturday movie-matinees en masse, let your child join them. She will be happier if you do.

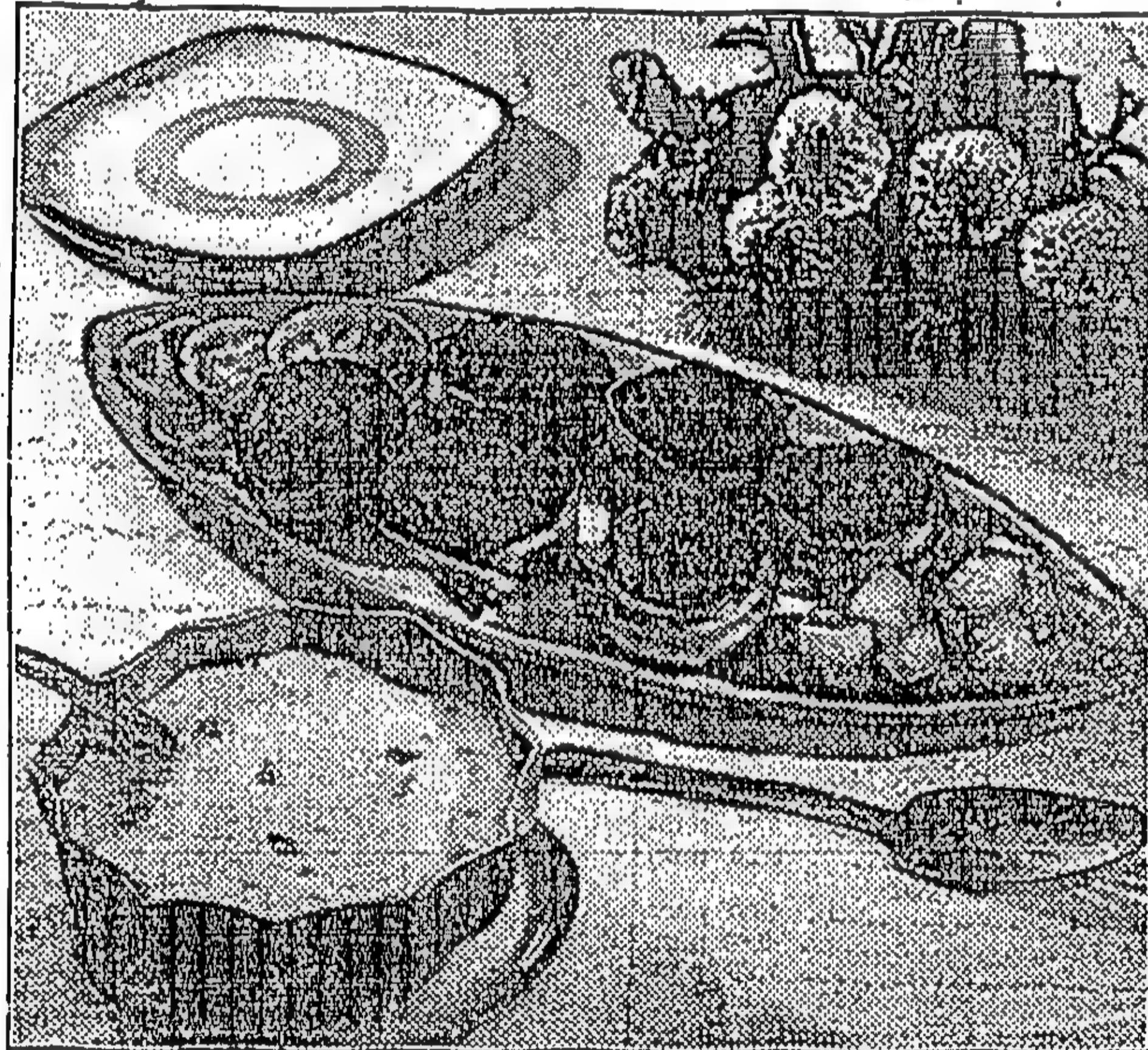
Of course, you can teach her discrimination. If a style is poor taste, tell her so. If the "movie" is not for young eyes, plan something else for her and include schoolmates. Explain things to her so she in turn can explain them to her classmates. Individuality will blossom anyway as a child matures, so there is no need for you to make her stand out of the little group by requesting that she act differently and dress differently.

Keep her healthy throughout her school year by feeding her at regular hours, having her rest sufficiently, demanding that she play out-of-doors for exercise, and teaching her how to keep well-groomed. After four a child can do much for herself if taught!

MEATS — Slow Cookers and Fast Ones ...both types have their place in meal planning

says Dorothy Greig

IT'S a good thing for most of us that there are both long cooking meats and short cooking ones. We can thereby neatly gear our meats to our day's planned activities.



Lamb patties, gilded in bacon, are garnished with sliced tomatoes and spiced pineapple cubes, and served with Creamy Mushroom Sauce.

There's comfort in the realization that, oh well, we can stay out a while longer because for dinner we are having steak which cooks practically in jiffy time.

On days we are at home, the coziest sound in the world is the sizzle of that roast in the oven. And for sheer pleasure no fragrance can equal the savory whiff of the stew as we lift the lid to drop-in vegetables.

One of my pat short cookers is patties made of ground lamb instead of the more usual beef. They are accompanied by a creamy mushroom sauce which does wonders to glorify the simple dish:

Grilled Lamb Patties with Creamy Mushroom Sauce

1½ pounds lean lamb, ground
1 teaspoon salt
¾ teaspoon pepper
9 bacon slices

Season ground lamb with salt and pepper and shape into round cakes. Wrap each in bacon slices and fasten with skewer or tooth pick. Pan-brown the patties on both sides. Then pour off all except 1 tablespoon fat. Serves 6.

—and notice how easy the sauce is to make:

Creamy Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
½ cup milk

Empty the soup into the pan in which the patties were cooked and stir well, then add milk and heat. Serve sauce in gravy boat with the meat.

A garnish of sliced tomatoes and spiced pineapple cubes is another good touch with this dish.

When it comes to a slow-cooking meat I have a favorite, too. It's a pot roast with a special trick to the gravy which adds extra flavor and turns the roast into a real triumph: Pot Roast with Mock Turtle Gravy.

4 pounds beef, rolled
¼ cup flour
2 teaspoons salt

½ teaspoon pepper
½ cup suet or 3 tablespoons fat
Vegetables (1 carrot, 2 stalks
celery, 1 onion and 2 sprigs
parsley)

A cut of beef from round, rump, chuck or shoulder is used for pot roast.

Mix the flour with the salt and pepper. Wipe the meat with a damp cloth, then dredge with flour and seasonings. Melt the suet or fat in a heavy pan and sear ends and sides of the roast.

Place the seared roast on a low rack in the bottom of a heavy kettle. (Beef bones may be placed in bottom of kettle and roast set on those, if rack is not available.) Add cut up vegetables and 1 cup of hot water. Cover tightly and cook for two hours, turning occasionally. The juices come out of the meat and roast finally cooks in its own juices.

Gravy for Pot Roast:
Strain and measure fat and juices from pot roast. Skim off fat.

4 tablespoons fat (skinned from roast liquor),
4 tablespoons flour
2 cups liquid (meat juice from roast)

1 can condensed mock turtle soup.
Cook the flour in the fat until frothy and slightly browned. Then add 2 cups of liquid which is the meat juices with water added if necessary and cook until thickened.

Add the mock turtle soup and cook 2-4 minutes. Put the roast back in the gravy and continue cooking for one hour. During this final cooking, it is well again to put the roast back on the rack or bones so that it does not stick to bottom of roaster. Keep tightly covered.

Adding soup to gravy 1 hour before cooking is done means that gravy is all ready when meat is thus saving time at the serving end.

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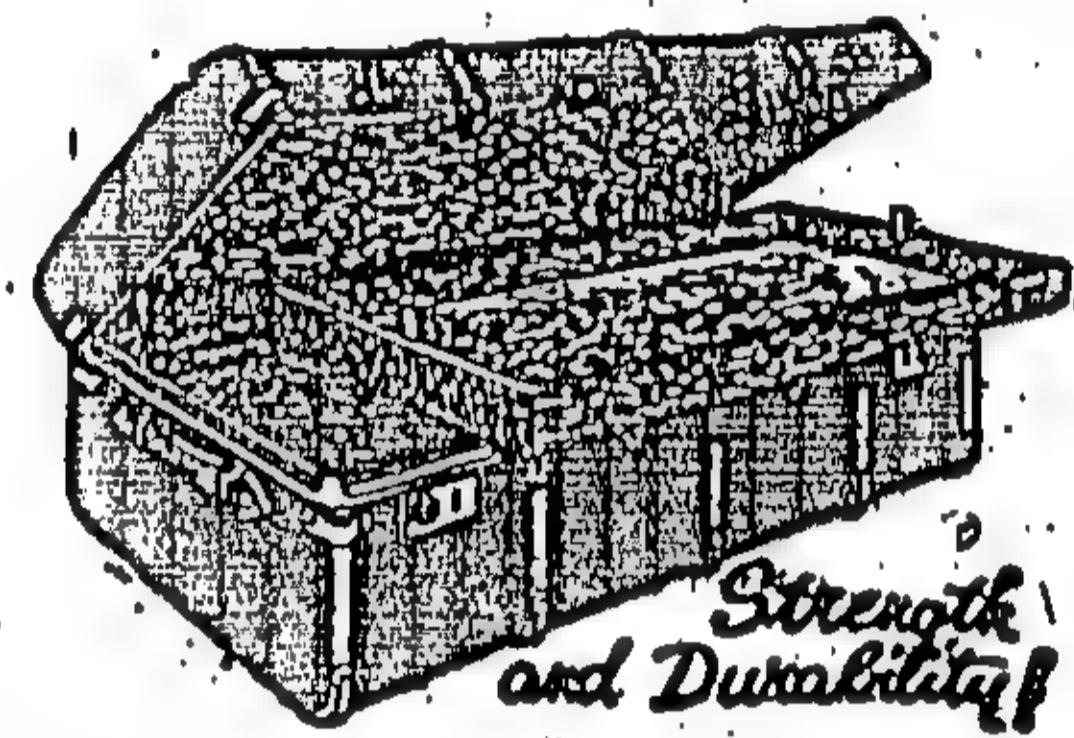
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Trio in D Minor (Op. 32) by Arensky.

12.57 p.m.—Song—"Could I be in Love?" (from the film "Champagne Waltz"). Gladys Swarthout (Contralto).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Songs by Greta Keller.

1.13 p.m.—Henry Jacques' Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, and Elsie Carlisle.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 p.m.—Sea Shanties by John Goss and the Cathedral Male Voice Choir.

7.45 p.m.—London Palladium Orch. The Grasshopper's Dance (Buckles).

La Silesia (Barcarolle—Norton). Blue Devils' March (Williams, arr. Letter).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—This Week's Programmes.

8.07 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi! Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

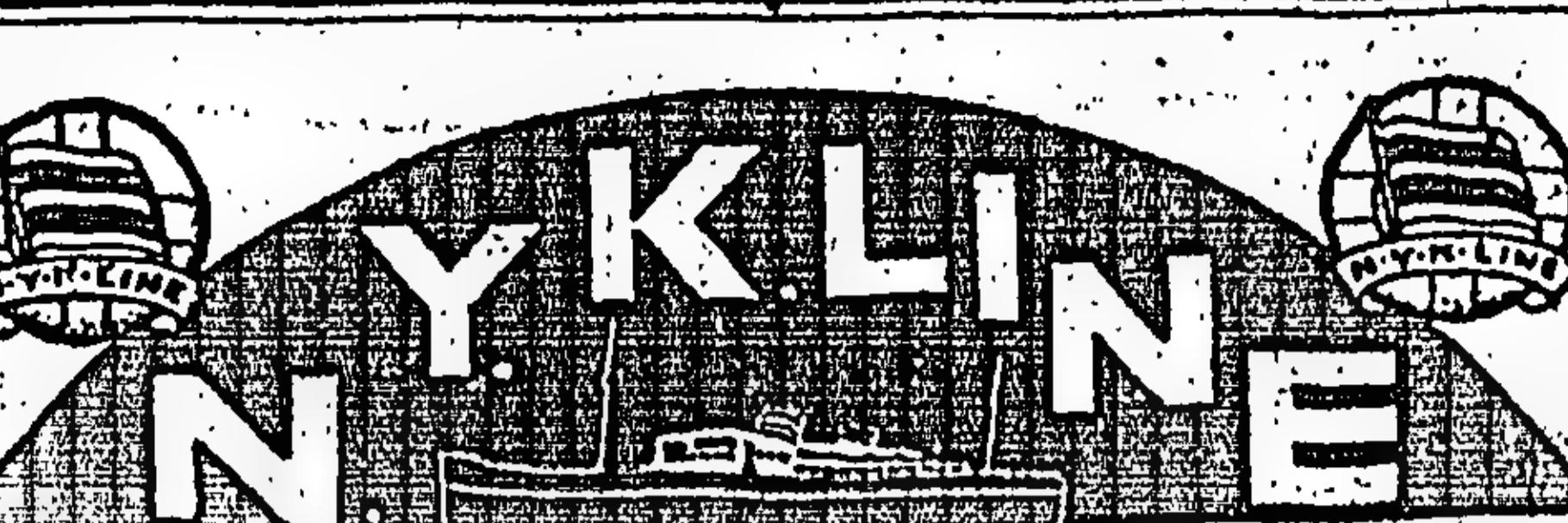
9.30 p.m.—Symphony No. 6 (in B Minor) (Op. 74) ("The Pathétique") by Tchaikovsky.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sergo Koussavitzky.

10.15 p.m.—Songs by Chaliapine (Bass).

10.25 p.m.—Cello and Piano Recital.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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SOUTH CHINA HELD TO ONE GOAL BY KWONG WAH

Lee Kwok-Kee Plays Brilliant Game For Losers
Winners Far From Impressive

By "Sportshawk"

KWONG WAH, WHO WERE WITHOUT THE SERVICES OF THEIR BEST PLAYER, CHEUK SHEK-KAM, DID VERY WELL TO HOLD SOUTH CHINA TO A SINGLE GOAL IN A FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE FOOTBALL MATCH AT BOUNDARY STREET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

This narrow margin can be attributed to their custodian, Lee Kwok-kee, who played a brilliant all-round game and saved numerous apparently certain goals.

How much South China missed the shooting of Lee Wal-tong, who is still on the injured list, could not be ascertained, but without him in the attack, they seldom looked like a winning team.

Chan Does Well

Chan Tak-fai, who took over Lee's position as the leader, combined very well with his two wingers, Lee Tak-kei and Lee Shek-yau, who revealed splendid teamwork. These three players formed a strong attacking unit and were a source of worry to Kwong Wah's defence. Their play, however, left one the impression that they were keeping something in reserve.

South China's intermediate was best served by Tse Kam-hung, left half, who worked hard and concentrated in assisting his defence, in which Tsang Chung-wan was the only player to shine.

Apart from Lee Kwok-kee, Chung Fai-lam, right back, also played a fine game in the defence for Kwong Wah, while King Kai-pew, left half, did well in the face of South China's repeated attacks.

Chin Chi-sin and Wong King-chung were Kwong Wah's outstanding forwards, particularly the former, who ably led the attack and who also played a sound individual game.

The Play

South China attacked from the start and were on the offensive for the first 15 minutes, during which period, Chan Tak-fai scored the only goal of the game with a beautiful header from a high centre from Lee Tak-kei.

Towards the last 10 minutes of the first period and for a short time at the opening of the second half, Kwong Wah launched several raids but all were baulked by the opposition keeper.

The match on the whole was not quite up to First Division standard and the play was occasionally scrappy.

South China—Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan and Li

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

Following are yesterday's football results:

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah	0	South China	1
		Chan Tak-fai.	
St. Joseph's	1	Eastern	4
Santos.		Hau Ching-to,	
		Chung Yung-	
		sum and V.	
		K. Hyui (2).	

SECOND DIVISION

30th R.A.	1	Kwong Wah	1
Sing Tao	1	Kit Chee	0
Wu Chui-chung.			
Police	2	Navy	1
Kong Ling (2).		Birch.	

THIRD DIVISION

7th R.A.	0	35th R.A.	5
R.A.F.	2	12th R.A.	1
A.S.A.	0	Signals	4
R.A.M.C.	2	Shell	1

Kwok-wai; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po and Tse Kam-hung; Lee Tak-kei, Lau Chung-sang, Chan Tak-fai, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

Kwong Wah—Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai; Cheung Wing, Chung Kim-fai, King Kai-pew; Leung Fung-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Chin Chi-sin, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

THIS WEEK'S SOCCER FIXTURES

SATURDAY

First Division	v	R. Scots
South China	(Caroline Hill)	4.00 p.m.
St. Joseph's	v	Kowloon
(St. Joseph's)	(4.00 p.m.)	
Kwong Wah	v	Club
(Boundary St.)	(4.00 p.m.)	

Second Division

South China	v	30th R.A.
(Caroline Hill)	(2.30 p.m.)	
Middlesex	v	Kowloon
(Kowloon)	(2.30 p.m.)	
Kwong Wah	v	Kitchee
(Boundary S.)	(2.30 p.m.)	

Ordnance

v	Service Corps	
(Military)	(2.30 p.m.)	
Sing Tao	v	R. Scots
(Military)	(4.00 p.m.)	

Third Division

International	v	Air Force
(St. Joseph's)	(2.30 p.m.)	
33rd R.A.	v	Signals
(Stanley)	(4.00 p.m.)	
Shell	v	12th R.A.
(Kowloon)	(4.00 p.m.)	

SUNDAY

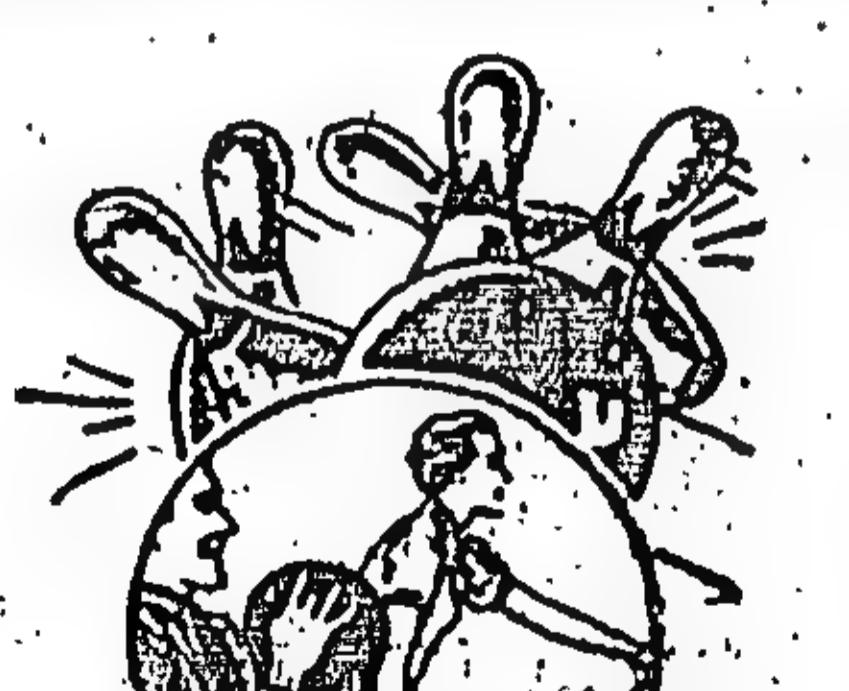
First Division	v	Sing Tao
Eastern	(Caroline Hill)	4.00 p.m.
Navy	v	Police
(Causeway Bay)	(4.00 p.m.)	

Second Division

Engineers	v	Navy
(Causeway Bay)	(2.30 p.m.)	
Club	v	Police
(Club)	(2.30 p.m.)	

Third Division

Service Corps	v	21st R.A.
(Caroline Hill)	(2.30 p.m.)	
Engineers	v	A.S.A.
(Club)	(4.00 p.m.)	



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The opening meets of the Fanling Hunt were held at Tien Ping Shan yesterday at 2.45 p.m. when His Excellency, the Acting Governor, took part.

YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL

Following are yesterday's softball results:

Cardinals	37	Chung Hwa	11
Panthers	17	Ramblerettes	12
Cahuckettes	7	Wahoos	6
Filipinos	18	Canucks	6
Hong Kong Basballers	18	Indians	4
Cyclones	12	Chinese Basballers	8
Liga Portuguesa	17	Reorso Boas	15
Chung Hwa	21	C.B.A.	7
R.A.F.	9	South China	6
Shek's Cables	4	Hong Kong Bank	17
Latas	15	U.S.S. Tufts	8
		S. Joseph's	5

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Cricket

LEADING cricketers on Saturday were K. M. Baxter of Kowloon Cricket Club Juniors, and H. L. Ozor, of Recreio seniors.

Following were the best performances:

	BATTING	78
K. M. Baxter	70	
Pte. Bateman	63	
J. F. Lawrence	60	
D. J. N. Anderson	55*	
L/Cpl. Logan	54	
T. A. Pearce	54	
A. R. Suffield	52*	
J. L. Youngsaye	49	
K. J. Attwell	49	
T. G. C. Knight	48	
F. J. Remedios	45	
Goss	40	
N. Singh	41	
E. J. Lay	41	
W. L. Rapley	39	
W. L. Clarke	37*	
Sgt. Webb	33	
Pte. Alsey	31	
J. W. Leonard	31	
A. V. Gosano	30	

BOWLING

H. L. Ozorio	7	for	32
2/Lt. Fergus	8	for	16
N. D. Lloyd	8	for	20
B. D. Lay	5	for	28
Tropp	5	for	40
Abbas	5	for	7
A. E. Carey	4	for	21
F. Baker	4	for	31
K. M. Baxter	4	for	45
K. Nazarin	4	for	50
C. W. Lam	4	for	50

Racing

CONDITIONS on Saturday were ideal for racing and a large crowd spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Galaxy did very well to win the main event, the St. Andrew's Stake, Mr. B. L. Tao, the jockey, giving a brilliant display.

Jane Doe scored a noteworthy win to pay a dividend of \$108.20. Punters received some very satisfactory returns and big dividends were the order rather than the exception.

Mr. L. B. Chao was the most successful jockey of the day with three winners.

Table Tennis

ATTENDANCE at the Kowloon Cricket Club for the first table tennis Interport between the Colony and Macao was poor and only a handful of people watched some splendid games.

The teams were exceptionally well matched and the visitors only managed to win by the odd match in seven.

Fourballs

The results of the fourballs were:—A. W. Ramsey (Country Club) beat A. A. Lopes (Country Club) 6-2; E. F. Fincher (Country Club) lost to R. E. Lee (Country Club) 6-2; E. F. Fincher (Country Club) and R. K. Remedios (Country Club) lost to E. C. Fincher and T. V. C. Lee (Country Club) 6-2; E. C. Fincher (Country Club) lost to K. S. Mackenzie and A. Eastman; W. C. Hung and C. H. T. Suen (Country Club) lost to E. C. Fincher and T. Low; J. J. Basto (Country Club) lost to T. Lamb; M. F. Pinna (Country Club) lost to W. Kershaw; F. X. M. Silva (Country Club) lost to Christianson; A. R. Pinna (Country Club) lost to T. Henderson.

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Women's Competition

The contest between the women members of the two clubs, which was played at the Kowloon Club, ended in a tie. Following were the results:

Mrs. W. S. Hillier (K.G.C.) beat Mrs. A. J. Kew; Mrs. A. E. Castro (K.G.C.) tied with Miss A. Sequeira; Mrs. B. C. Stott (K.G.C.) beat Miss A. Williams; Mrs. S. Jex (K.G.C.) lost to Miss E. Heang; Mrs. T. B. Low (K.G.C.) beat Mrs. B. Botelho; Mrs. G. C. Frost (K.G.C.) tied with Miss A. Rozar; Miss Molly Churn (K.G.C.) lost to Miss L. G. Ablong; Miss Mabel Churn (K.G.C.) beat Miss Oei; and Mrs. L. Jack (K.G.C.) lost to Miss M. Mooney.

POLO DRAW

The first round of the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup will be played at the Hong Kong Polo Club ground, Boundary Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 3.30 p.m.

The draw resulted as follows:

H.K.S.R.A. "B" v Fixed Defences;

H.K.S.R.A. "A" Team v Middlesex Rgt.

The following are the teams:

H.K.S.R.A. "A"—Capt. Duncan (4), Major Fisher (3), Capt. Monte (2), Capt. Atkinson (1).

FIXED DEFENCES—Major Morgan (4), Major Hunt (3), Capt. Forrest (2), Lt. Col. J. D. Way (1).

H.K.S.R.A. "A"—Lt. Fielden (4), Major Penfold (3), Major Wilson (2), Lt. B. Smith (1).

MIDDLESEX REGT.—Lt. Hancock (4), Capt. T. Chattey (3), Capt. W. Chattey (2), Capt. Guest (1).

MANAGERS DIRECT CLUBS WITH SIGN LANGUAGE

By Joe Cronin

(Manager and shortstop of the Boston Red Sox)
GIVING, GETTING and carrying out signs win close games.

Signs are given by word of mouth and movements.

They are given by the manager in the dugout, coaches' box or on the field.

In the case of the bench manager, a coach transmits offensive to pick his own ball until the signs to the players concerned, count is, say, 3 and 1. Then Players usually look to the third the manager, taking into consideration the pitcher, setup and right-hand batters get signs from the first base coach. This does away with the right-hand batter having to turn around to get the sign.

There are "take" and "hit" signs. There are signs for the bunt, hit and run, and the steal, double steal, delayed steal and the squeeze. A sign pulls the infield in or places it back. Pitchers get signs telling them what kind of a ball to throw in certain situations. The shortstop and second baseman have their own signs in connection with who is to cover second base.

Switch Signs

There are switch signs — from bunting to hitting, etc. A few players can't seem to get switch signs.

John McGraw and Rogers Hornsby called every pitch and gave the batter a sign on every pitch, but this system upsets batters.

BOTH SIDES WERE UNFORTUNATE

By "SCRUM-HALF"

Army were extremely unfortunate to be without Douglass and March on Saturday for their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match against Club, and the slight reshuffle of the back division as a result was sufficient to place them with their backs to the wall.

Their attack always came from the centre—the wing threequarters never received a pass—and this factor, coupled with a disappointing display from their pack, cost them the game.

Club, on the other hand, were unlucky not to win, instead of drawing 13-all. They were very well supported by their pack, who had not played better this season, and always looked the more dangerous side.

Players to stand out in the game were Thompson, Stewart, Charter, Thomson, Heasman, Burford and Taylor of Club, and Hook, Richards, Wedderburn, Ford, Duke and Gillian for Army.

The return game will take place on January 4, by which time it is hoped Army will be at full strength, while Club will probably have A. F. Walkden back in their pack.

EVACUATION "TEST MATCH"

More fun than skill was revealed in the "Evacuation Test," cricket match at the Civil Service yesterday, resulting in a win for the "Sentaways" by 34 runs.

Penalties, ranging from 10 cents for a dropped catch to \$100 for biffing an umpire, netted the useful sum of \$15.60, which will be donated to the "Bomber Fund."

Stayput:—148 (J. McGowan 77, H. F. Harper 15; A. Shephard 5 for 25).

Sentaways:—182 (V. Ebbage 65, C. J. Walker 34; W. J. Skinner 23; Haynes 6 for 20).

The Creasy Cup golf competition, confined to members of P.W.D. Golf Society, has now reached the semi-final stages. D. S. Edward meets K. S. Robertson and W. W. C. Shewen with against J. E. Richardson for the privilege of entering the final.

From Here And There

G. H. Esmail, Craigengower 2nd XI left-handed slow bowler, has shown marked improvement this season. He still has a tendency to try to bowl too fast, but if he can get over this fault, which has affected his length, he should secure a trial in the first eleven before the season is out.

A few Recreational stalwarts are planning a football-hockey visit to Macao over the Xmas holidays. There is also some talk of taking a cricket eleven in an effort to introduce the game to the Portuguese colony.

George Swinburn and "Paddy" Tomb, two of the leading all-round sportsmen attached to Royal Engineers, have decided to take a rest for the remainder of the year and "retire" from all competitive sport. Swinburn, however, will be playing as much "ie-dy" badminton as duties allow.

After being one of the mainstays of the R.E. cricket eleven for some seasons, Ratcliffe, referred to by the Sappers as the "hurricane hitter", will not be playing much cricket this season. He is making a return to football, at which game he has represented the Army and his own unit's team at centre-half.

An effort is being made amongst the Indian boys in the different schools in Hong Kong to raise a Combined Schools' (Indian) hockey team. There are a number of promising youngsters playing hockey these days and quite a formidable team should be the result.

The annual tennis tournament at Kowloon Tong will be held shortly, and entries will close on Sunday for championship singles, Handicap singles, championship doubles and handicap doubles events.

C. Pope, the Police cricketer and football player, is suffering from an injured knee.

Some years ago owing formed an important part of the programme of activities at V. R. C. Now a few members are trying to stage a revival of rowing at this club and a few crews are already in training. There is also some talk about an inter-Club regatta with the Yacht Club later in the season. A couple of years back a V. R. C. four rowed to Macao, and this is also being contemplated by some of the stalwarts.

Craigengower have lost two "openers" this season. Francis Zimmern, who opened the bowling for them last season, threw in his lot with Kowloon C.C. and now A. R. H. Esmail, their opening bat for many a season, has "re-migrated" to Indian R. C.

JAPANESE OFFICER SHOT

Attempt To Suppress Story Of Peiping Incident

MEXICAN PRESIDENT INSTALLED

Marking Signature Of Treaty

General Avila Camacho took the oath as 51st President of Mexico in the Chamber of Deputies in Mexico City yesterday.

In the course of his speech, President Camacho promised a continuation of the revolutionary regime in Mexico and a continuation of the Pan-American programme.

Referring to the economic life of the country he invited the cooperation of business enterprises and investments in Mexico and said he was ready to cooperate with them.

This declaration is interpreted as an encouraging sign for future dealings between the State and the oil industry.

Confetti Showers

The United States was represented at the inauguration by Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Vice-President-elect, who joined in the applause which followed the ceremony.

At the close of the proceedings President Camacho left with ex-President Cardenas and was loudly cheered by a large crowd which showered both men with confetti. — Reuter.

THE JAPANESE military spokesman in Peiping admitted yesterday that a Japanese officer had been shot in the city but refused details, and the Japanese Telegraph Administration refused to transmit outward messages on the incident.

From a number of different sources it appears that about noon on Friday a Japanese lieutenant-colonel on horseback, accompanied by two mounted escorts, was riding in the main street of the north city not far from military headquarters when a single Chinese jumped off a bicycle, drew a revolver and fired four shots.

The officer was killed and one of his escorts wounded.

The victim is stated to be an ordinary regimental officer with no special duties. He had not been long in Peiping.

Tension in Peiping continues and all gates are still closed. Chinese are not allowed out without a special permit and no Chinese are allowed on trains.

It is a notable fact that this is the first case of assassination of a Japanese in Peiping since the occupation, though many puppet Chinese have been assassinated.

Rumours Of Mutiny

Strong rumours in Chinese circles of a mutiny by Chinese militia training at Hsiyuan barracks, north of the city near the

civil aerodrome, on Thursday, are apparently confirmed by the fact that the usual daily plane from Shanghai stopped at Tientsin.

No reason was given for the plane not continuing on to Peiping that day. — Reuter.

HUNDRED ARRESTS IN INDIA

One hundred members of the Congress Party have been arrested under the Defence of India Regulations during the first fortnight of the extended civil disobedience under Mr. Gandhi's guidance.

The arrested include four ex-Prime Ministers, 11 ex-Ministers, five Speakers or Presidents of provincial legislatures and seven members of the All-India Congress Committee.

Sentences of imprisonment have been imposed ranging up to 18 months for men and up to three months for women. — Reuter.

PREMIER WORKS ON BIRTHDAY

On his sixty-sixth birthday on Saturday, the Premier, Mr. Winston Churchill, made little departure from his usual routine and spent the day at work.

During the week-end, it is stated, he hoped to attend a small family gathering of which the youngest member is his grandson, the seven-weeks-old Winston Churchill, son of Randolph Churchill, M.P.

Congratulatory messages from all parts of the country and the Empire poured into No. 10, Downing Street.

A particularly welcome birthday present came from the Netherland East Indies where the local Spitfire Fund organisers sent the following telegram to the Minister of Aircraft Production: "Tomorrow, Saturday, we are remitting to Mr. Churchill, £35,000 as a birthday present for seven Spitfires. Please christen them Ceram, Batavia, Bandoeng, Metal, Soebang, Toba and O.A.B. The last has been subscribed for by non-commissioned officers in the Netherland Indies Army." — British Wireless.

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ITALIAN ARMY CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES

600TH VICTIM OF SINGLE STATION

THE SIX HUNDREDTH ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED BY SQUADRONS OPERATING FROM A SINGLE FIGHTER COMMAND STATION WAS SHOT DOWN ON SATURDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE JOINT EFFORTS OF TWO SPITFIRE PILOTS BELONGING TO ONE SQUADRON.

There had been keen competition to achieve this score amongst all squadrons on the station and a prize fund has been subscribed for an award to the pilot who brought down the six hundredth enemy machine.

This prize, proceeds of which are being devoted to a "celebration party," has been shared by both pilots, one whom, a 22-year-old flight commander, had 11 destroyed enemy to his credit, and the other, a 26-year-old pilot-officer, had 19 to his. Both these pilots have already received the D.F.C.—British Wireless.

Albanian "Rebels" In Line Of Retreat

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Yugoslav Frontier)

ITALIAN TROOPS RETREATING ALONG THE ELBASAN ROAD, IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE ALBANIAN FRONT, ARE NOW REPORTED TO BE CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

BRITISH SUBMARINE FEARED LOST

The British submarine Triad (Lt-Commr. G. S. Salt) is overdue and may be considered lost, according to an Admiralty announcement in London yesterday. — Reuter.

They are being energetically pursued by the Greeks who do not allow them time to take up new defensive positions, while facing them well-armed and organised bands of Albanians are said to be awaiting them in the vicinity of Elbasan.

These Albanians are headed by a well-known supporter of King Zog whose name I am at the moment unable to reveal.

(It was reported the other day that an Albanian patriotic leader had been dropped by parachute behind the Italian lines in order to organise an Albanian revolt).

The action behind the Italian lines is developing rapidly and is believed to be assuming serious proportions from the Italian point of view.

Albanian bands are greatly helping the Greeks in their penetration into Albania. So long is the Italian column retreating hastily towards Elbasan that it can be seen from a great distance away, showing up clearly against the new fallen snow which abounds in this mountainous region.

That the retreat was prepared by the Italians in advance is shown by their previous withdrawal of military material from Podgradetz (which is now in Greek hands) as far as Monastir.

Considerable Advance

A considerable advance has been made all along the front, stated last night's Greek communiqué, according to Athens radio.

The announcement added that positions of exceptional importance for the development of operations have been captured.

In the region of Premeti over 150 prisoners have been taken and much war material has fallen into Greek hands.—Reuter.

"On For Ever"

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RATIO OF LOSSES IN AIR

A total of 229 enemy aircraft were destroyed over Britain and British waters and over German and German-occupied territory and German waters by the R.A.F. and ground defences during November.

This includes 20 Italian aircraft.

During the month 53 British fighters were lost over Britain but 28 pilots were saved.

Forty-eight British aircraft were lost over enemy territory.

In addition to the above, 60 Italian aircraft were destroyed in the Mediterranean and African theatres of war against 18 British planes.

The above figures do not include enemy aircraft shot down by naval or merchant vessels or the Fleet Air Arm, nor Italian losses in Greece.—Reuter.

EIGHT 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

An Air Ministry announcement at 8.30 last night stated: "Reports up to 8 p.m. show that eight enemy aircraft have been destroyed to-day. Five of our fighters have been lost but the pilots of all these aircraft are safe."—British Wireless.

SOUTHAMPTON SUFFERS ANOTHER SEVERE RAID

SOUTHAMPTON WAS RAIDED BY CONSIDERABLE FORCES OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT ON SATURDAY NIGHT, ACCORDING TO AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE; THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN WAS DELIBERATELY ATTACKED AND MUCH DAMAGE DONE TO HOUSE AND SHOP PROPERTY.

Latest reports suggest casualties were not unduly heavy. All services concerned were used to the full and the excellent cooperation between them proved adequate for the heavy calls made on them.

All fires are now under control and alternative accommodation and food has been assured for persons whose homes were destroyed.

Yesterday's air activities over Britain consisted of a small formation of fighters and fighter-bombers, none of which penetrated deeper than the southern outskirts of London.

Two enemy aircraft were shot down.

Town's Worst

The raid was Southampton's worst of the war. A rain of incendiary bombs, followed by high explosives, did much damage to churches, houses and shops in the centre of the city.

Many fires were started the effect of which was increased by the high explosive bombs. The raid began early in the evening with the dropping of flares, some being quickly extinguished by tracer bullets from the ground defences.

Civilians Suffer

The latter also put up a heavy barrage which caused the raiders to circle round at a height which prevented other than indiscriminate bombing.

Several casualties were reported, principally among civilians, including some deaths.

Fire-fighting and relief services co-ordinated perfectly and great praise was given yesterday.

Considerable Advance

A considerable advance has been made all along the front, stated last night's Greek communiqué, according to Athens radio.

The announcement added that positions of exceptional importance for the development of operations have been captured.

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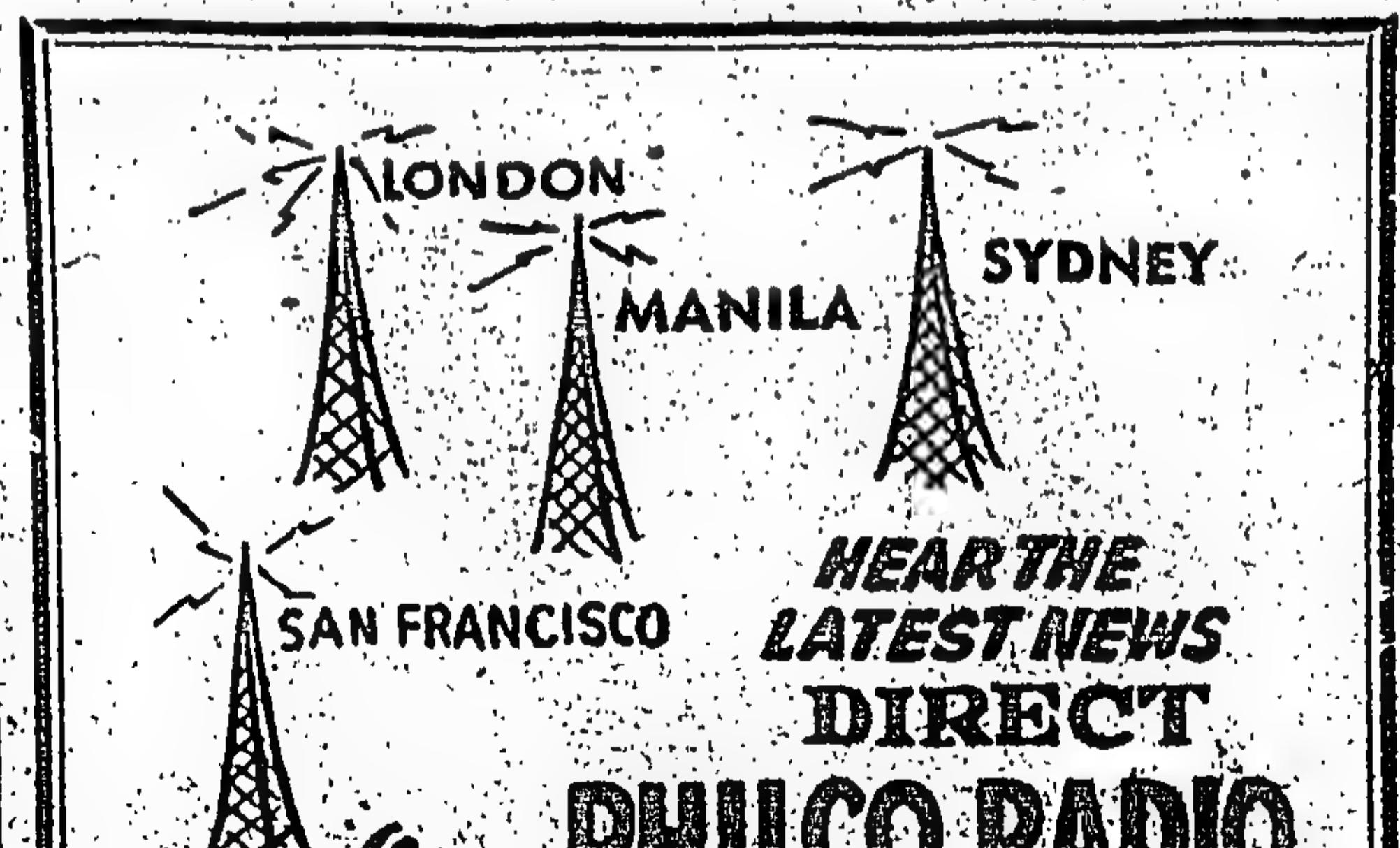
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CHUNGKING WARNS

THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER DR. WANG CHUNG-HUI YESTERDAY ISSUED A WARNING TO OTHER POWERS THAT "RECOGNITION OF THE ARCH-TRAITOR WANG CHING-WEI WILL BE CONSIDERED AN UNFRIENDLY ACT BY GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S GOVERNMENT."

This is the Chinese Government's first official response to the signature of the treaty between Japan and the Nanking puppet regime.—Reuter.



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Nazi Diplomatic Blitzkrieg Passes Peacefully Away

Balkan Damper On Ribby's Enthusiasm

MASSACRE ORDERED BY BERLIN?

The Rumanian Foreign Office has warned the public not to listen to a secret radio station which has started to broadcast to them.

This station has given details of proof it holds that the mass murderers of political prisoners were planned and ordered by Berlin. It is not known where the station is operating.

According to Moscow Radio, German circles in Rumania have revealed details of the shooting of the 64 political prisoners.

The day before the murder, the military guard was removed and 50 Iron Guardists were left in charge.

Armed with automatic weapons, they entered the cells and shot and killed the prisoners, some of whom had 40 bullets in them.

Berlin comment: Nothing out of the ordinary has happened in Rumania.

Rome comment: The shootings were understandable.

Portuguese press comment: "We protest because we are Christians, because we belong to the human species." — Reuter.

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE HAS BEEN a lull in diplomatic activity this week after the feverish German efforts of the previous week to whip up enthusiasm for the much-heralded "new order in Europe."

The tepid reception which the adherence of three Balkan countries to the Tripartite Pact has received all over the world seems to have dampened the enthusiasm of Ribbentrop, and save for some tentative efforts in the direction of Turkey, the diplomatic blitzkrieg appears to have died down for the moment.

Rumania is falling further and further under the Nazi yoke. The terroristic activities of the Iron Guard, if not directly encouraged, are certainly inspired by Germany.

It is possible the disorders are being instigated by the Nazis to provide them with an excuse for placing Rumania under direct German military dictatorship, thus removing the country's last shreds of independence.

The victorious Greek advance is still continuing and the Italians seem incapable of stemming it despite their counter-attacks, and re-shuffling of generals.

No Sign Of Aid To Italy

There is still no sign that the Germans are about to come to Italy's aid.

Possibly they wish to see her still further in the mire before

they come to her help—on their own terms.

The Japanese pact with the puppet administration of Wang Ching-wei has made little impression on the world.

The granting by the United States of a £25,000,000 loan to General Chiang Kai-shek's Government has shown more clearly than any words that the United States Government has no intention whatever of ceasing to regard the Chungking Government as the Government of China.

German Caution

The British Government has stated it holds exactly similar views.

Well-informed circles in London feel it possible that Italy may recognise the "Nanking Government" but despite the fact which allies her with Japan, it is believed that Germany will continue her cautious attitude regarding Japan and China, in an attempt to keep a foot in both camps.—Reuter.

POSED AS V.C. AND M.P.

An ex-convict who posed as an M.P. and as a V.C. and said he could obtain the release of an interned man, was sent to prison at Hendon.

The man, Leslie de Villiers, fifty-five, engineer, alias Jack Elliott, was accused of obtaining £2 by false pretences from Mrs. Dora Stoutzker, a gold watch, valued £10, belonging to Solomon Stoutzker, and of wearing without authority the medal ribbons of the V.C., M.C., D.C.M., M.M., Mons Star, General Service Medal, Victory Medal, and others.

For the false pretence he was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment, and for wearing the medal ribbons he was fined £25 or three months' imprisonment.

Detective-Sergeant Knott said De Villiers was a convict on licence. Posing as Mr. Silverman, M.P., he told a woman whose husband had been interned that he was arranging with Sir John Anderson for his release, and money would be required for travelling.

He represented himself to be Jack White, V.C. of Manchester, and obtained money by similar means.

AXIS FAILURE IN BALKANS

AXIS ATTEMPTS TO INVADE THE BALKANS ON TWO FLANKS HAVE FAILED UTTERLY OWING TO THE ITALIAN DEFEATS BY GREECE, COMMENTED ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY.

There are people, the Turkish radio continued, who prefer not to shed their blood for the schemes of others but who will die for their own independence.—Reuter.

FIRST PASSENGERS FROM H.K.

The first passengers from Hong Kong arrived in Canton on Saturday morning.

They reported the strictest observance of the quarantine regulations. Their baggage was fumigated and they had to undergo stool tests.

Passengers added the Japanese officials were courteous. — Reuter.

SWISS ANNOY GERMANS

Bitter attacks on the Swiss press were launched yesterday by several German newspapers.

Thus the "Boersen Zeitung" describing the bombing of Coventry, wrote only of temporary damage to armaments works, whereas the others wrote of the annihilation of Coventry.

This, it says, shows the correspondent is in British pay.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" complains that nobody in Switzerland makes any move to correct this untruthful reporting, while at the same time the National (totalitarian) Party has been banned as dangerous.

The "Volkskischer Beobachter" complaining that "such reports appear in the press of a country which describes itself as neutral and which at the same time forbids a national movement."

"Forbidding people of German blood to show the German spirit while at the same time accepting British bribes" is a sorry spectacle.—Reuter.

PREMIER WORKS ON BIRTHDAY

On his sixty-sixth birthday on Saturday, the Premier, Mr. Winston Churchill, made little departure from his usual routine and spent the day at work.

During the week-end, it is stated, he hoped to attend a small family gathering of which the youngest member is his grandson, the seven-weeks-old Winston Churchill, son of Randolph Churchill, M.P.

Congratulatory messages from all parts of the country and the Empire poured into No. 10, Downing Street.

A particularly welcome birthday present came from the Netherland East Indies where the local Spitfire Fund organisers sent the following telegram to the Minister of Aircraft Production: "Tomorrow, Saturday, we are remitting to Mr. Churchill £35,000

HUNGARIAN ATTACK ON RUMANIA

THE OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN PAPER "PESTER LLOYD" YES-TERDAY DELIVERED A VIO-LENT ATTACK AGAINST HUN-GARY'S AXIS PARTNER, RU-MANIA.

The paper spoke of Rumania's blind hatred for Hungary, and threatened action to liberate Hungarians still under Rumanian rule in Transylvania. — Reuter.

as a birthday present for seven Spitfires... Please christen them Ceram, Batavia, Bandoeng, Merapi, Soebang, Toba and O.A.B. The last has been subscribed for by non-commissioned officers in the Netherland Indies Army."—British Wireless.

M.T.B.S' RAID INTO MOUTH OF SCHELDT

AN ATTACK on a German supply ship—the 6,000-ton vessel Santos—was carried out by a British patrol of motor torpedo-boats off the Dutch coast yesterday morning, the Admiralty announces.

Soon after the attack, the Santos sent out a distress message saying that she had been torpedoed off the mouth of the Scheldt.

All our craft returned safely to port.

One received superficial damage from a German warship escorting the Santos, but the only casualties were two men wounded.

There was a second naval clash in the North Sea on Saturday night when light British forces met an E-boat patrol. Chase was given, but the E-boats escaped in the darkness owing to their higher speed.

The Santos was the fourth supply ship the Germans lost in three days.

One of the others was an 8,000-ton ship sunk last Friday off the Dutch coast by a torpedo-carrying plane.

The torpedo hit the ship in the stern, and as the British pilot left for home he saw that the vessel was already sinking.

A patrol later found the ship with only her upper works awash.

— Reuter.

NO BURYING OF HATCHET

"OUR HATRED IS UNLIMITED," SAID GENERAL ANTONESCU, RUMANIAN DICTATOR, SPEAKING YESTERDAY AT THE CELEBRATIONS ON RUMANIA'S UNION WITH TRANSYLVANIA. AFTER THE GREAT WAR.

He emphasised Rumania's rights, predicted that justice would be done, and appealed for unquestioning unity.—Reuter.

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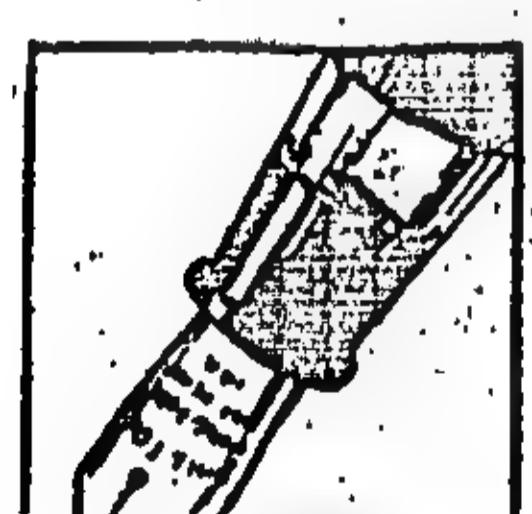
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NAVY SWEEPS MEDITERRANEAN

Eye-Witness Story Of Attack On Tripoli Harbour Vain Wait For Italian Response

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent
with the Mediterranean Fleet)

ON NOVEMBER 26, I witnessed the Fleet Air Arm's attack on Tripoli harbour. The attack was carried out during a routine sweep of the eastern and central Mediterranean Sea.

Quays, warehouses and shipping were heavily bombed and many fires caused. Toy balloons with lights attached floated up from the aircraft-carrier to test the wind and then, in the dim light of the old moon, heavily-laden bombers took off and vanished.

A period of watchful tension followed and time passed slowly as all eyes strained towards the coast. Suddenly the sky-line was lit by bursting anti-aircraft shells and by flares dropped from the British bombers.

SHOT BY UNLOADED RIFLE

While a squad of soldiers were at rifle training exercise the corporal gave the order to fire and Rifleman Jeffery James Whitney, twenty, fell dead, shot through the neck.

This story was told at an inquest at St. Pancras, London, N.W. An officer stated that rifles should not have been brought loaded on parade.

Riflemen Harry Winch, who fired the shot, said that he had loaded his rifle at night to go on guard and later another rifleman borrowed the rifle for guard duty. When he returned the rifle he told Winch that the ammunition was in his pouch.

The inquest was adjourned for a week to await the findings of the military court of inquiry.

When we were 60 miles from shore fires were still visible on the sky-line.

While Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces had been sweeping the western Mediterranean, our eastern forces had been ranging over the whole eastern and central areas, seeking the Italian fleet.

Convoys had been escorted in all directions and it is daily becoming clearer how empty the Italian boast that the Mediterranean is "mare nostrum."

20 Submarines Sunk

Under the water over 20 of her submarines have been sunk; in the air many of her shadowing planes have been knocked down and lighter formations broken up.

Throughout our own steady flow of men and materials has continued along this highway which the Italians presume to call their own.

On the latest trip I had a first glimpse of peaceful Suda Bay, with its little white town at the foot of the olive-covered hill.

The peace was shattered by four bombs from a lone raider flying at tremendous height.

The bombs fell in the sea and did no damage while the raider made off in the clouds.

That night we attacked Tripoli.

Vain Wait

In vain we waited for an Italian response but two days passed before we heard the news that the Italian fleet was abroad.

Patiently we waited for information as to its location but all we heard was that Sir James Somerville's forces had contacted the Italians at long range and that the enemy was now hurrying home. — Reuter.



TAKING CARE OF HEALTH. The occupants of a London shelter having their throats sprayed with disinfectant. Some of the children thoroughly enjoy it. A study at an underground tube railway station where Londoners seek safety during the raids. (Copyright: Fox.)

FIGHT THAT FUNK-HOLE IDEA

"The great thing in my view is to resist any interruption. We are all in the battle, and a battle means struggling and fighting, not quietly submitting and going down to a funk hole every time someone blows a whistle."

This is what the Recorder of London, Sir Gerald Dodson, told an Old Bailey jury after refusing to interrupt a case when A.A. guns were heard in action.

The Recorder adjourned the Court to his room in the corridor, where the case was completed.

During the last war Sir Gerald was in the R.N.V.R.

DUKE'S HOUSE AS CENTRE FOR TROOPS

The Duke of Buccleuch has lent the main part of his London house in Grosvenor Place for the duration of the war to the Association of Scottish Societies of London for the use of Scottish troops as a social centre.

The spacious drawing room, dining hall, and other apartments will be adapted and equipped as

a guest house in which Scottish sailors, soldiers and airmen on passing through London will find the comfort of a first-class West End club.

A list of suitable hostels, to which the guests can be recommended for the night, will be part of the service of an information bureau to be set up there.

SIGNOR ANSALDO'S TWISTFUL THINKING

SIGNOR ANSALDO, Mussolini's radio commentator whose special duty seems to be to try and cheer up the Fascist troops, tried very hard on Friday night to earn his money.

Signor Ansaldo concentrated on the German air attacks on Britain which (he said) deserved a certain amount of attention, although really big results would take many months.

HE WARNED HIS LISTENERS THAT THE COLOURFUL REPORTS OF "SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS" ABOUT TOWNS IN RUINS AND PORTS SMASHED TO ATOMS MUST BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT.

Italy, he went on, must count on the increasing pressure of the German attacks on Britain, although Italy must not expect the war to be decided for her by herself.

The Italians (he said rather twistily) must win the war in the Mediterranean with their own arms "all alone."

Other speakers on the Italian radio are not quite so resigned to fighting "all alone."

One Rome commentator was anxious to prove that Germany cannot afford to see a "valuable ally" roughly handled.

Italy's invasion of France was a decisive factor, he said, and Italian help is still essential for the defeat of Britain.

After talking about the "victorious Italian campaign" in Somaliland, Egypt and Greece, he continued:

"Furthermore, the Italian fleet has immobilised the British Navy!" — Reuter.

WON'T GIVE UP SPIT AND POLISH

The Army refuses to abandon "spit and polish."

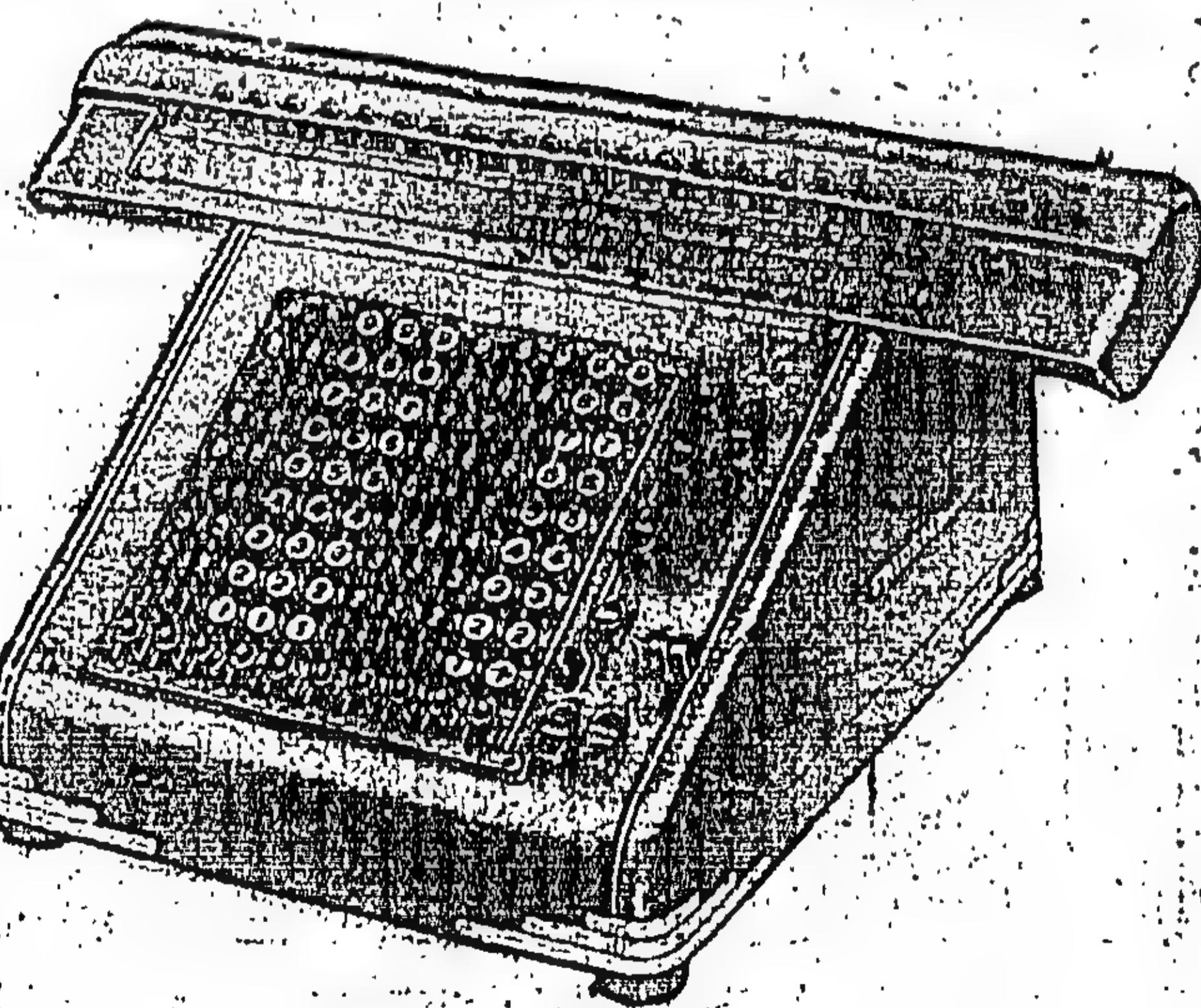
In the face of a barrage of criticism, it will continue to insist on a very high standard in this respect, because of the excellent effect it is held to have on morale.

"There is an inclination on the part of some people," said a military authority in London, "to say that spit and polish is a waste of time. We do not believe it is, provided it is kept within reasonable limits. No one has to spend his time on that to the detriment of training in rifle and field craft."

"The balance is about right, and I hope we shall not be accused of training for the last war when we do insist on a bit of spit-and-polish."

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WHY DID MUSSOLINI attack Greece, and what made him choose that particular moment for an adventure as ill-prepared as it was criminal? asked Mr. Amery, Secretary for India, in a speech yesterday.

Could it be that things were not lovely and rosy in the gangsters' garden as we have been told?

Mr. Amery suggested that the lesser gangster, impatient at being kept waiting for his share of the loot at the expense of France, might have thought to double-cross his fellow and pinch one valuable asset which might be kept or changed for a bigger voice in the general carve-up of the Balkans.

Where was the miscalculation? Mr. Amery did not believe that it lay in the inferiority of the Italians as fighting men, but he thought it lay in their unwillingness to sacrifice their lives in a war they knew to be unnecessary and unjust and in which victory could only result in Italy's permanent subjection to Germany.

The Greeks, on the other hand, fought like heroes because they believed passionately in their cause and resented the outrage done to them and to their beautiful country.

Grecian Misadventure

Mr. Amery thought that the Grecian misadventure might give Britain and her growing allies a chance to get at Germany by the back door.

We might eventually deal a mortal thrust at the German Dragon, not against the scaly armour of the Siegfried Line but against the soft under-side.

The new possibilities of the situation have cheered our friends and given pause to those who might be tempted to side with our enemies.—Reuter.

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Although working on munitions for twelve hours a day, six days a week, 125 boys between the ages of fifteen and eighteen, employed at one of the biggest munition factories in the Midlands, have formed their own air defence cadet corps.

They meet for drill on Sunday afternoons the only time they get off.

"The firm supply the boys with their uniforms," the commanding officer told a reporter. "They leave off work at 1 p.m. on Sundays, have their dinner, and are all back on parade on the recreation ground by three o'clock."

"They do two hours' drill. At night, after work, we have lectures on aircraft, and the boys even find time to do homework."

"We have formed No. 191 Squadron of the Air Defence League, and have become so famous that last week a boy who had been temporarily rejected by an R.A.F. recruiting depot in the south was told to come here and get some preliminary training.

Three big munitions factories in the Midlands now have air defence cadet corps of boys.

**UNITED SALE OF
WORK**

The Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls and the Home for the Blind (Ebeneza House) will hold a United Sale of Work all the Women's International Club on Wednesday and Thursday this week from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The splendid work carried on by these two Institutions is well known to Hong Kong residents and it is hoped that friends of all nationalities will take this very convenient opportunity to help the Homes dispose of the many beautiful articles made by the inmates.

**HALF A MILLION
IN TRAINING**

The United States has 500,000 men undergoing intensive training in the field compared with 170,000 soldiers a year ago, it was announced in Washington yesterday by the Army Chief of Staff.

Simultaneously President Roosevelt announced that the construction of 166 new destroyers would be speeded up.—Reuter.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO INDIAN ARMY**

The War Minister in a message to General Sir Robert Cassels, Commander-in-Chief in India, asks that the congratulation of the War Cabinet be conveyed to all units of the Indian Army which took part in the recapture of Gallabat.

Mr. Eden says the conduct of the operations and the tenacity displayed by both officers and men are in keeping with the high reputation and traditional fighting qualities of the British and Indian Armies.—British Wireless.

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FALLACIES OF NAZI FINANCE SHOWN UP

JUDGED BY ALL conventional tests, Hitler's Germany seems to have had no serious difficulty until now in financing the war. Nothing is ever heard of the necessity for increasing taxation, of resorting to compulsory saving, or of the public issue of enormous war loans.

Quite the contrary. Recently one important tax was abolished. Reich revenue in the financial year ended March 31, 1940, reached a new all-time record, and, although millions of men called to the Colours have been withdrawn from production and ceased to pay taxes, revenue receipts during the first four months of the current financial year justify the expectation of a new record this year.

Public savings banks deposits touch new monthly records again and again. Money is so plentiful that the interest rate on Reich loans could recently be reduced from 4½ to 4 per cent., while new loans now run for 20 years instead of 10. Reich loan is, in fact, taken up continuously without any public appeal. These facts are incontrovertible and are incessantly emphasised in Nazi propaganda.

Hitler seems to have discovered the secret of making something out of nothing and to have evolved a system based on perpetual motion.

From its very inception in 1933 the preparation for totalitarian war necessarily took the financial aspects of the undertaking fully into account. Germany owed her first advantage over Britain to the fact that the German World War debt had been almost completely written off by the inflation of 1923, whereas Britain to-day is still paying interest and amortisation on her own loans. Consequently Britain has a correspondingly smaller proportion of potential State revenue for financing this war. This initial advantage to Germany has, however, virtually disappeared by now, because of the immense new debt amassed by the Nazis through rearmament. In 1914 the German national debt stood at somewhat above five milliards of marks (then £250,000,000). By 1918 it had risen to 157 milliards of marks (about £7,850,000,000), in those days a sum of astronomical magnitude.

After The Last War

Financial collapse was not the cause of the last German defeat. When the World War ended the gold deposit at the Reichsbank was still more than two milliards of marks, while German investments abroad were estimated to be worth at least 20 milliards of marks. What forced Germany to ask for peace was military exhaustion, largely due to the severity and duration of the blockade. But after military defeat, territorial loss and economic cessions, and the obligation to pay reparations expected to continue for quite two generations, the cancellation of the German post-War national debt became almost inevitable. Only on one condition would it have been possible for Germany to weather the storm—markets without limit for the absorption of whatever quantities of industrial exports circumstances made necessary.

Beyond doubt one of the fundamental causes of this war has been the unrelaxing efforts of Germany since 1918 to secure wide enough foreign markets to straighten her finances at the very time when all her competitors were forced by their own war debts to accept exactly the same course. Continuous friction was inevitable.

Before his advent to power Hitler had clearly realised that, though reparations had stopped, the economic salvation of Germany—by which, first and foremost, he meant the solution of the unemployment problem—depended on his providing German industry with the required unlimited markets. Given that, unemployment was bound to disappear. But as no sufficiently substantial increase of exports could be effected overnight the obvious course was for the State, as an emergency measure, to provide "unlimited" orders itself. For this

short-term indebtedness, though more and more was left unpaid.

Fertilising Process

Serious efforts were made while Dr. Schacht was still in office to consolidate the short-term debt by monopolising the capital market and forbidding private issues. He Reich compelled all savings banks, insurance companies, trustee societies, and mortgage and commercial banks to take up short-term Treasury Bills and subscribe to long-term Reich loans. The bills, being discountable, were almost equivalent to cash. Loans were taken up readily because the security of the State was the best available—at least in theory—and remuneration high. Thus all the savings of the rank and file of the workers of Germany, and all the profits earned by industry and banking and seeking investment, all interest payments on loans and mortgages, were continuously and automatically made available to the Reich to finance rearmament. As fast as money was earned it was ploughed back to fertilise the process producing the apparent well-being.

As extravagance grew greater and greater Hitler had again and again to emphasise the need for "increasing production," so as to keep up the increase of revenue. Workers were forced to toil longer hours. Better and better machines were installed to multiply output. Technical research was lavishly endowed. Agriculture was mechanised and motorised. But as both prices and wages had been pegged early in the regime individual workers obtained no share of the increase. Their standard of living was actually reduced by heavy private taxation levied by the party and by contributions to the Labour Front and Winter Help. If they did not openly complain it was because they realised that under Hitler they were at least sure of their jobs. Dividends had also been pegged at 6 per cent. All profits over and above those available for distribution had to be invested in Reich securities. So shareholders did not participate in the profits of increased production either. And to prevent any undue increase of private spending rationing was introduced in a camouflaged form two years before war began.

The Basis Of Policy

If Hitler spoke the truth at the outbreak of the war, when he said that up till then rearmament had cost Rm.90 milliards, it can be shown that the total indebtedness of the Reich, disclosed and undisclosed, at the end of November, 1939, was about Rm.95 milliards, and at the end of August, 1940, must have been Rm.115-120 milliards, to which the indebtedness of the States and Communes must be added. The recorded Reich debt—which includes only the lesser part of the short-term borrowing—at the end of June, 1940, was returned at Rm.55.2 milliards, as against only Rm.11.7 milliards when Hitler took office.

In the second quarter of 1940 the Reich debt increased on the average by Rm.2.7 milliards monthly, as against Rm.2.05 milliards in the preceding quarter. In the first 10 months of war the long- and short-term loans to finance the war aggregated Rm.22 milliards. State-Secretary Reinhardt recently revealed that about only one-half of the German war expenditure was being met out of revenue. Reich indebtedness is therefore rapidly approaching the aggregate it reached at the end of the World War. Recently it was admitted that the necessity for further borrowing made the reduction of interest rates on Reich loans from 4½ to 4 per cent. imperative.

In an authoritarian State, where private property exists only on sufferance, interest rates can always be still further lowered, a capital levy raised, debt partly or wholly cancelled, or the standard of life reduced by stricter rationing, and this process can be continued till the limit of human endurance is reached. There is therefore no likelihood of Hitler losing the war on financial grounds. But it is indisputable that Nazi finance has been based throughout on the assumption that Germany would win and transfer her bankruptcy to the other side of the Channel by imposing stupendous indemnities.

CHINA MAIL
AS WINDSOR HOUSE

GREECE ATHWART THE AXIS?

One of the most interesting aspects of the Italo-Greek war is its apparent undesirability, as seen from Berlin. The clash occurred just before Mussolini met Hitler at Florence. Had Il Duce conceived it as part of the Axis plan for conquest in South-eastern Europe, and primarily a step in the campaign against Britain, he might well have waited a few hours for final consultation with his partner.

German comment on the affair has been remarkably detached. Berlin's attitude seems to say that of course the Third Reich will support its Axis partner, but that for the time being this war is Italy's business.

All Herr Hitler's plans for Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia aimed at organisation of this region as an untroubled storehouse of supplies for the Nazi military machine. Mussolini's little war is causing a disturbance right at Hitler's back door. It has enabled Britain to establish British forces on Continental soil and British ships in new bases in the Mediterranean. Berlin is also pondering whether the ties that bind Turkey to Russia and to Britain will not begin to pull those two Great Powers more closely together.

This really was no time to make trouble in Greece. Perhaps Il Duce did not expect trouble. The slightness of Italian forces at first sent against the Greeks suggests that a "fifth column" was expected to prepare the road for Italian conquest. The impulsiveness of the Italian move suggests that Il Duce may have wished to have one fait accompli with which to confront his spectacular partner when the two met at Florence.

But the Fascists have got themselves into something that they cannot get out of.

Singapore Planning For All Contingencies

From A Singapore Correspondent

The announcement by the Officer Administering the Government of the Straits Settlements (Mr. S. W. Jones) that the plans drawn up three or four years ago by the Imperial Government for the defence of Malaya have now been carried out is welcomed as confirmation of the belief that the Singapore plan is now complete.

The foresight of those who, 20 years ago, decided to establish a great naval base at Singapore has never been more apparent than it is to-day when the island, at the southernmost point of continental Asia, is the corner-stone of British strategy over a wide area in East Asia, the western Pacific, and the Indian Ocean. The defences of Singapore are in perfect trim and fully prepared for any emergency.

It is not always realised that Singapore is much more than a naval base, although that is its primary function in the scheme of Empire defence. It is no less



important as an air base, while the troops and fortifications which defend the naval and air bases make it a fortress of the first order.



Ready For All Tasks

Less has been heard in recent years of the supposed "menace" of Singapore to the Japanese Empire. The Japanese have evidently come to realise that a base which is as far from Yokohama as Gibraltar is from New York could not seriously threaten their home coastline. That it could be used to very good purpose in operations in the China Sea and beyond cannot be doubted.

It has been remarked that a naval base is never really "completed," since changes in naval practice are always making new demands on a repair and refitting station, but it can be said that the Singapore naval base is complete in the sense that it can carry out all the tasks assigned to it. Since the King George VI graving dock, one of the biggest of its kind in the world, was officially opened two years ago, work has been continuing at the base unceasingly. Much has been spent in finishing the workshops in the dockyard area, improving the facilities for warships using the base, increasing the accommodation available, and providing the Admiralty with a powerful and up-to-date radio station.

Although Singapore is primarily a base for warships operating in Far Eastern waters and the Indian Ocean there is no reason why it should not be used for repairing, overhauling, and refitting vessels from greater distances. The Navy has its bases in the Mediterranean sufficient for all purposes, but in certain circumstances it might be convenient to send a ship all the way to Singapore, which has so far been entirely free from any danger of enemy action. The same applies to merchant shipping, and the Singapore Harbour Board has very adequate dry docking accommodation which would supplement the naval facilities. The fact that Singapore has a floating dock and graving dock both capable of taking the biggest vessels afloat means that there is no limit to the work which can be carried out here.

While the Navy preserves its customary and necessary silence regarding its operations, it is possible to refer to some aspects of the work of the Straits Settlements R.N.V.R. and the shore establishment which is training Malays for service with the Navy. The R.N.V.R. are chiefly responsible for minesweeping and improved communication below

routes leading to and from Singapore. The Colony's own R.N.V.R. also mans patrol vessels which operate in Malayan waters. These ships and the minesweepers are manned by Malay ratings with European officers. The Malays are by tradition a seafaring race, and there has been no lack of the right material for recruits. Training has now been going on for more than six months, and these men, who are enlisted for service in local waters only, are proud to be serving in what they hope may one day develop into a Royal Navy to assist in local defence.



R.A.F. Patrols

Singapore is not so well known to the outside world as an air centre, although some writers have suggested that it may one day become even more important for its air strength than as a naval station. Be that as it may, the Royal Air Force is at present busy in all parts of the Malay peninsula. There are several Service aerodromes on Singapore island, and the civil airport, one of the most modern east of Suez, is also at the disposal of the R.A.F. Up country the R.A.F. have available both their own acrodromes and those originally built for civil purposes. Malaya is not a large country, but is very well provided with aerodromes, from Alor Star and Kota Bahru in the north to Singapore in the south, and these

provide the R.A.F. not only with good operational centres but would naturally be invaluable in facilitating the dispersal of the air forces attached to the R.A.F. Far East Command.

From Singapore the R.A.F. looks out across the South China Sea to Hong Kong, and south-east to Borneo and Sarawak, west to Ceylon, and south to Port Darwin and Australia. Its duties in wartime would be similar in some respects to those of the Coastal Command in Great Britain. The Sunderland flying-boats for reconnaissance work are well known in Singapore, as are the Blenheim bombers, local photographs of which have appeared in the Malayan newspapers. The R.A.F. units in Malaya have a large area to patrol, and the long coast-line of the Malay peninsula would need to be constantly watched if there were ever a threat to this country.

Apart from the normal R.A.F. activities, the air defences of Malaya are being strengthened by the resuscitation of the Volunteer Air Force in the Colony. The new organisation embraces the flying clubs, whose aircraft will be available for training and other duties. Another activity of the Malayan Government, financed by the Malayan Government, is the formation of a flying school where potential R.A.F. pilots are given preliminary training until ready to proceed overseas for intermediate and advanced Service training. As the existing cadets pass out into the R.A.F. others will be enrolled. All British subjects are eligible, whether European or

non-European. The Air Force is making the maximum possible use of the local-born population of Malaya, and a technical corps of artisans and other non-flying personnel has been formed for ground crews, M.T. drivers, and motor-launch crews. The Air Ministry is organising a special one-year training course with the cooperation of the Department of Education.



A Fortified Coast

Singapore is immensely strong in fortifications. The coastal batteries have tremendous range and protect all sea approaches to the naval base. The advantage held by land batteries in an encounter with warships was shown in the Norwegian campaign, and there is every reason to believe that any hostile vessels approaching Singapore would receive a very warm reception.

The garrison includes British, Indian, and Malay soldiers, who are all by now fully acquainted with their roles in the defence of Singapore and the Malay peninsula. The defence of the "back door" approaches to Singapore, via the east coast, presents a special problem and training in "jungle warfare" tactics has been given to all the units likely to be affected. The jungles are one of the natural defences of Singapore, for, although there is no virgin jungle on the island, the approaches to south Malaya through Johore, and many square miles of country farther north, are covered with thick wooded territory through which a hostile force could not hope to advance. The additional fact that there are comparatively few roads on the east of the peninsula considerably simplifies the defence problem.



Deep Shelters For All

The townspeople of Malta have settled down to a new life below ground. This strange existence is becoming almost as normal to them as it is to the Guanches of the Grand Canary, who have for generations lived in caves. The Guanches kept to the earth to avoid a tax on doors; the Maltese go below for 100 per cent. security from Italian bombs.

Malta has deep shelters, cut into the sandstone, enough to accommodate all her townspeople. They were made, to some extent, in preparation for war. Not this war, but war centuries ago.

The Knights of St John ruled Malta for three centuries and built towns and fortifications. They quarried for their stone beneath the sites, and then cut underground passages from one set of fortifications to another. Some of these quarries were excavated and some of these tunnels were dug 500 years ago; others, notably those at Valletta, were made after the Knights had defeated a Turkish siege 375 years ago.

Malta thus had these ready-made refuges when Italy made war upon her. The authorities had no need to make any more, but they set to work to make the shelters more easily accessible and, where possible, to give the people a little comfort with their security.

They cut additional tunnels into the rock, and they linked up many deep wells and also the dry moats which surround all Maltese towns, to improve communication with the main shelters. They also put into service a disused railway tunnel nearly a mile in length.

Where possible and where necessary, they have installed drainage systems and fitted fans to improve ventilation. At the entrances to some of the larger shelters they have provided the women with washing facilities. With additional entrances and improved communication below

ground, the townspeople can quickly get to shelter. The Italian raiders come on the average twice a day (or night). They have to fly fewer than 60 miles from the Sicilian coast, and so the warnings are short. When the aircraft are near the population can be sent underground in a few minutes.



In the evening most of the townspeople go to the shelters. Different families when the raids began staked their claims, like gold-diggers. Now they have a section of a shelter which is regarded as their own. All of them have taken part of their bedding there and some families also have their own cooking utensils.

Bombs have been scattered freely above them, but in some 150 raids no one in these shelters has been injured.

When the battering of the towns made many people homeless, these refugees made their permanent homes below ground. One of the largest shelters can accommodate 3000 people.

Without these shelters there would have been a heavy toll of life. For Malta is one of the most thickly-populated parts of the world. On the island, 17 miles long and 9 miles wide, there are some 270,000 people. In Valletta, the capital, there are 55,000. Most of the houses, made of stone, are strongly built and have cellars which are a protection from blast, but the people prefer the greater safety of the less comfortable deep shelters.

There is also the psychological factor, that families in times of danger, prefer company to loneliness. However little it may be justified, there is a feeling of greater safety in numbers.

Malta thus has the good fortune of being able to carry on its ordinary life, to work as usual, to sleep in safety, and to get a certain amount of relaxation, in spite of the fact that raids have been so numerous that the people long ago ceased to count them.

Volunteer Aid

The Malaya Command includes several thousand volunteer troops; Europeans and non-Europeans in civilian life whose training has recently been completed at camps lasting two months. These units are being reinforced by Europeans called up under the Compulsory Training Ordinance. The Militia have been working extremely hard and will soon be fully trained. The Army makes good use of the non-European man-power in the country. There is the well-known Malay Regiment, raised a few years ago and now at full strength. Malay units in the Royal Engineers, Malays in the R.A.S.C., and other ancillary units, and Eurasians have been recruited for an anti-aircraft regiment and the Royal Corps of Signals.

Problems of internal security were studied long before the Fifth Column menace became apparent in Europe. A strict control over aliens is maintained and in an emergency forces are available for guarding strategic buildings. These arrangements will be supplemented in the near future by the formation of a Local Defence Corps, similar to the Home Guard in Great Britain, with branches in every part of the country. The men enlisted will be principally those who are over military age.

Singapore's food control arrangements are chiefly concerned with ensuring the maintenance of adequate stocks of rice in the Colony. The Government has instituted a pooling system by means of which the emergency stocks are constantly turned over to prevent deterioration. A modified plan for individual rationing, to be enforced only in the event of shipping routes being seriously disturbed, is being tried, and rice consumers are required to register with their usual dealers. The food control department also fixes maximum prices for a number of other essential commodities, including flour, milk, and sugar, and there has been remarkably little food profiteering during the past 12 months.

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BOMB DAMAGE TO ST. PAUL'S

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL was hit and damaged by a bomb in a recent air raid. Fortunately the damage, although serious, is confined and not irreparable. Indeed, it has demonstrated how well Wren designed, how surely his builders worked nearly three centuries ago, and how enduring is the Portland stone they used.

The Air Ministry, in a communiqué stated:— During a recent attack on London an enemy aircraft dropped a bomb on St. Paul's Cathedral, piercing the roof at the east end of the cathedral and destroying the high altar.

The main fabric of the cathedral was not affected, nor was the choir damaged, and no one was injured.

Open To The Sky

The bomb struck the roof immediately above the high altar, pierced the lead of the outer roof, which was left rippled, and exploded either in passing to the stone roof beneath or when it hit the Portland stone, in which it tore a hole about 20ft. by 10ft., leaving the cathedral, with its magnificent vaulting, open to the still more majestic vault of the sky. The lead served as an effective shock absorber, so that a member of the staff who was leaving the cathedral at the west end when the bomb fell was unaware that the cathedral itself had been hit.

It was fortunate, too, that the bomb exploded where it did, in the lofty roof, for had it fallen through to ground level before exploding the damage must have been much more extensive. Although the beautiful high altar was wrecked, the damage is surprisingly local. The choir, with its fine stalls by Grinling Gibbons, is intact, though covered with dust and odd pieces of fallen stone.

This part of the cathedral presents a melancholy scene. Where the altar stood is a pile of fragments of stone, some of immense size, interlaced with which are pieces of the costly cross, studded with precious stones, and of candlesticks, all of them a gift to the cathedral about 40 years ago. It was big pieces of stone, falling some 90ft. from the roof which ruined the altar. One block was more than a cubic yard in size.

Reredos Damaged

Fortunately, too, most of the work at this eastern end, though of great beauty, was comparatively modern, and no irreplaceable antiquities have been lost. The rich and lofty reredos was damaged. The gold and black frontal was wrecked. The Bishop's chair was flung against one of the wrought iron sanctuary gates, and some of its carving was badly scarred; but the Bishop's throne remained intact. The two tall bronze candlesticks which stood before the altar—copies of the originals stolen in Cromwell's time and now in the cathedral at Ghent—still stand upright, but one has been swung round and has lost its candle. Only one of two groups of lamps was broken. Four flower vases designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens which normally stood near the altar had been removed. The Lord Mayor's stall escaped damage. The reredos stands forward, dividing the eastern apse from the main body of the cathedral to form the Jesus Chapel, and this too was damaged.

Above, the fine mosaics which decorate the vaulting have been damaged. Near the gaping hole left in the roof a considerable part of the rim of one of the saucer domes has been smashed. Behind the altar beautiful stained glass windows—not of great age—have been riddled with holes. Flying stones had made holes, too, in a picture, "The Doubling of Thomas." The scene is desolate enough, with some of the chapter seats smashed, and furniture, carpets, and cushions in the disorder into which they were suddenly flung, but the havoc seems markedly confined amid the lofty spaciousness of the cathedral, and as mean in its way as the bombing of this particular objective itself.

There were many people in the cathedral, though below ground, when the bomb fell. A cathedral watch and the cathedral's own A.R.P. staff are on duty night by night, and in addition many clergy, members of the cathedral staff, and their families sleep each night in the crypt. Among those

BOMB FILLS IN CRATER

A heavy calibre bomb dropped in a South-East London district by a German raider fell so close to a crater made in a previous raid that the crater was partly filled in with fresh debris.

The district has been revisited again and again, and seven bombs have fallen close together.

Extensive damage was done in the last raid to dwellings and shops and to three public-houses.

FRENCH NURSES DETAINED AT RITZ

Two French nurses, Mlle. Edna Nicolle and Mlle. H. M. M. G. Terre, detained at the Ritz Hotel by Special Branch detectives, were transferred from Caxton Row Police Station to Holloway Prison. They have been detained for forty-eight hours under Section 18d of the Defence Regulations, which gives the police power to detain any one if they have reasonable ground to suspect that person is about to act in any manner prejudicial to the public safety of the defence of the realm.

GIRL, FOUR DAYS UNDER DEBRIS, SAVED

A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD girl, buried under the wreckage of a house for four days and four nights, mourned as dead, was rescued seven hours after her cries from the wreckage revealed she was still alive.

It was at night that a rending, crashing German bomb visited the home in a south-west London district of Mildred Castillo, daughter of Dr. Richard Castillo.

Men fighting to get through the flames and smoke and crumbling masonry found the bodies of Mildred's mother and Mildred's little brother. Mildred's father, safe, was left to mourn.

The rescue work continued throughout the day and the night, and hopes of ever finding Mildred faded. Another day passed, and another.

Then—the fourth day after the tragedy—three men trying to make order out of a shambles heard cries—faint, and pitiful.

3 Men Volunteer

The men, George Woodward, Wally Capon, and G. W. Pitman, volunteered to tunnel through the debris to rescue Mildred.

After seven hours' work they got her out and she was taken to hospital. There they say she has an excellent chance of recovery.

Dr. Castillo has been staying with friends.

At their home a reporter was told, "The doctor rushed to the hospital immediately he was told that Mildred was alive."

"He was astounded by the news and at first could not believe that it was true."

MISSING MAN WRITES

Missing since June 20, a nineteen-year-old B.E.F. man, Private R. V. L. Clements, of Burnt Horney Common, Uckfield, Sussex, has written to his parents: "I am well. Long live England."

PARISIANS GO SHORT WHILE THE NAZIS FEED

A VIVID PICTURE OF Paris under German domination is painted by Mr. Seatre, an American partner in the famous British firm of Price, Waterhouse and Company.

Mr. Seatre was in charge of the firm's business in Paris. He has recently arrived at Lisbon as a refugee on his way to New York.

When the French collapse came, Mr. Seatre was in an emergency office in the provinces, but returned to Paris with his wife.

The Gestapo, accompanied by an armed guard, arrived at his office, and informed him that they knew all about him, his firm, and his clients. They said: "It will be better for you if you answer all questions correctly." They went to the filing room, and after going through the files, a bundle of them was set aside.

Mr. Seatre tried to obtain a list of the files, but he was told, "There is no object in doing so, as you will never see them again."

Securities Confiscated

The firm's bank accounts were confiscated, all cash in the safe was looted, and he was refused a receipt. The Gestapo also took an envelope, deposited by an employee, containing his savings of cash and bearer securities amounting to about 60,000 francs. They seized everything and forbade Mr. Seatre to remove a single document from the office.

He states that there is a severe food shortage in Paris, and Les Halles, the great market, is open to the French only after the Germans have been supplied. Milk and butter are extremely short, and eggs have not been obtainable for two months.

But it is a common sight to see German soldiers plentifully supplied with all these goods in the cafes. Half-bottles of champagne seem to be their usual beverage at lunch-time:

Mrs. Seatre said that it was heart-breaking to see mothers

HER LIFE SAVED BY A TABLE

A kitchen table saved the life of Mrs. R. Goody when her South-West London home collapsed under a bomb explosion.

"She was asleep under the table when the house was completely destroyed by blast," Mrs. Goody's daughter-in-law said.

"The table acted as a shelter and supported the whole weight of the wreckage so that she wasn't even injured."

Made A Tunnel

"A neighbour helped her to burrow her way out. He pulled the rafters away from the top while she pushed from below. Between them they made a sort of tunnel through which she crawled to safety."

The bomb—a heavy one—killed two people, injured others, and severely damaged a number of houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were bombed out of their home into which they had moved only a few hours before.

Pinned To Bed

Salvage squads dug out people buried among wreckage.

Seventeen-year-old Eric Evans was pinned to his bed by fallen rafters and buried under two feet of dust and debris.

"He was unconscious when we got him out," said one of the rescuers, "but we managed to revive him, and he is all right."

PAID £5,200 FOR A DIAMOND

An unmounted blue-white diamond was sold at Christie's for £5,200 to a Miss Rose.

NEW HOMES FROM RUINS OF THE OLD

From the debris of bombed homes new ones will be built. The surveyor's departments of London boroughs—and elsewhere—are showing great skill in using all kinds of salvaged material.

When the demolition squad has done its job, workmen cart away the debris to sort it over for usable material.

Whole bricks and tiles, undamaged window frames, laths and rafters—anything that has escaped whole from the wreckage—is put on one side, to be used in building new houses or repairing others not too badly damaged.

"We use as much as we can," a surveyor of a London borough told a reporter. "Building materials are scarce these days and thousands of bricks go back into service to repair damaged houses. It is amazing how much can be used again—even in the erection of new property.

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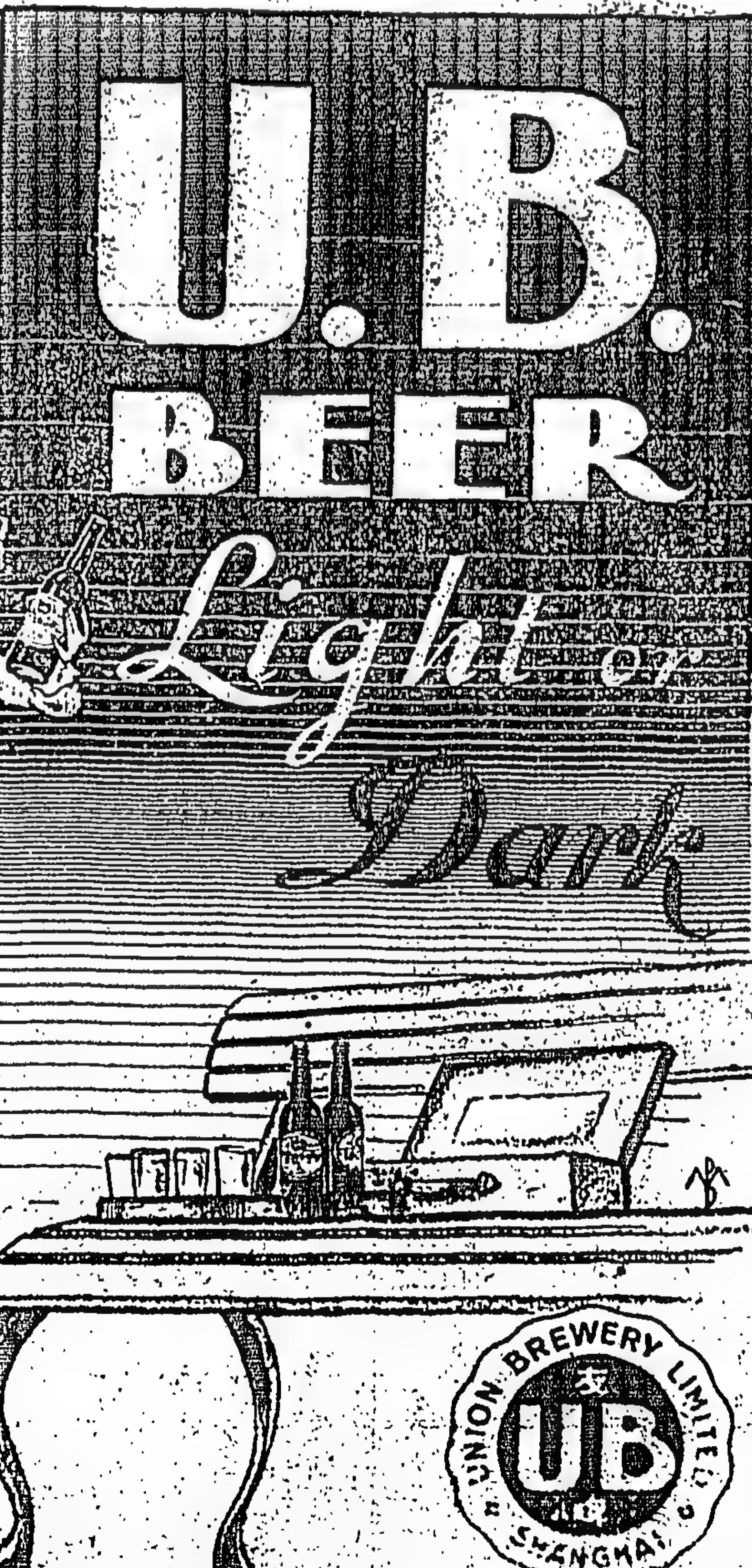
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BRIDGE NOTES

Choosing A Finesse

By The Four Aces

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East, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♦ Q J	♦ A Q 7	♦ 9 8 6 2	♦ 8 A Q J 10
♦ 6 5 3 2	N	♦ 7 4	♦ K 8 4 3
♦ 9 6 5 3	W E	♦ 6	♦ A K J 10
♦ 5	S	♦ 9 4	♦ 7 6 2
♦ K 8 5 3		♦ A K 10 9 8	♦ J 10
		♦ Q 7 3	♦ 7 6 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♦	1♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	Pass

North's jump raise may appear

rather unusual, since he had only

two spades, but he could be sure

these two trumps would be ample

support for a suit worth a vulner-

able overcall. As a matter of fact, a

raise to game would have been

beyond criticism.

West opened his singleton diamond, and East took the top diamonds and led a third round for his partner to ruff. West then led a heart—and South resisted the impulse to finesse.

Regardless of the fate of a heart finesse, South would still need the finesse to make his contract. But if the club finesse succeeded, South could obtain a heart discard on dummy's fourth club. Therefore he game depended on the club finesse; and the heart finesse was absolutely unnecessary and irrelevant.

Declarer therefore put up dummy's Ace of hearts and led the Jack of spades to his own Ace. He then successfully finessed the ten of clubs. The Queen of spades was overtaken by South's King, and the spade ten drew the last trump.

Then South finessed the club Jack. He returned to his hand by ruffing dummy's last diamond, to take a third club finesse; and then the club Ace furnished a heart discard.

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Saturday you played a Small

Slam contract with no losers in

the side suits, but with the follow-

ing trump suit:

6 5 3
Dummy

A K J 4 2

How did you play the trump

suit?

ANSWER: Play the Ace or King first. If only small cards drop, get over to the dummy and finesse the Jack. To finesse on the first round will result in the loss of two trump tricks if the blank Queen is held on your left.

Score 100% for the recommended play. 0 for any other.

Question No. 578

To-day you are playing another Small Slam Contract. Once again you have entries to each hand, no losers in the side suits, and the following trump suit:

8 7 6 5
Dummy

A K 10 9

How do you play the trump

suit?

(Answer To-morrow). (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

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THE CHINA MAIL, DECEMBER 2, 1940.

NAZI SPY MISLAI SECRET, WE GOT IT

CAPTAIN EBERHARD SPILLER, Assistant German Air Attaché up to the outbreak of war, has been killed in air fighting over Britain. It is now possible to disclose that Spiller, really a spy in Britain before the war, committed one of those blunders which are occasionally characteristic of German agents.

Thus Britain was able to obtain first-hand knowledge of Germany's advanced plans for this weapon.

Spiller fled to The Hague, in Holland, and was engaged in espionage there until the invasion. He was a close associate of Baron von Rheinbaben, a very notorious member of the German Secret Service.

He was among the members of the German Embassy staff who failed to pay their debts before returning to Germany. His victims included many West End tradesmen, hotels and restaurants.

He even persuaded an attaché of a neutral Embassy to cash a dud cheque the day before his departure.

Clubmen suspected him of cardsharping, and he was therefore avoided by the majority of the Corps Diplomatique.

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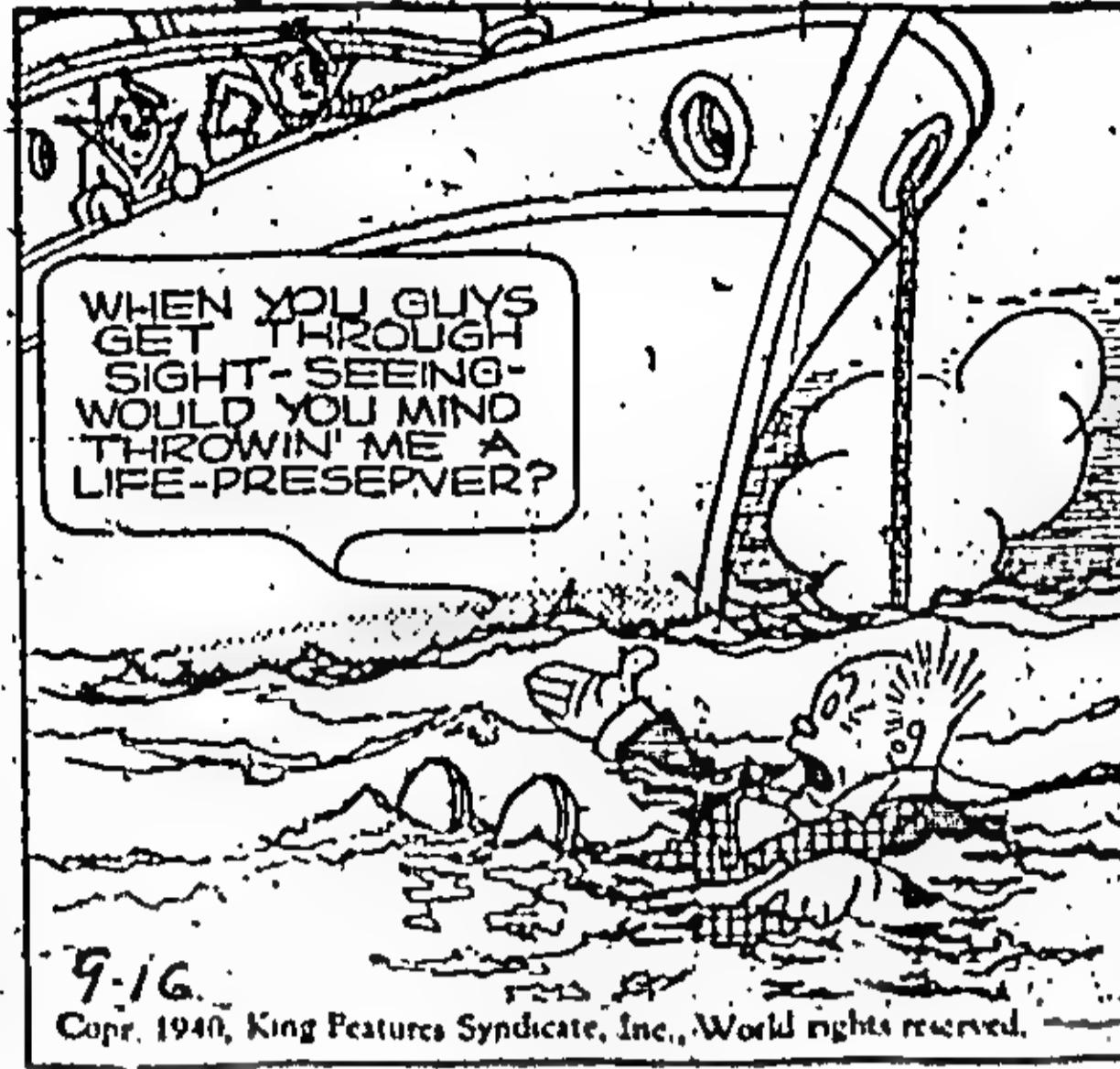
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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Self-Confidence

The first days of school can be terrifying to the young, and they can become "scar" days too. Children, as you know, are cruel little beasts with one another and the sensitive, timid child suffers greatly from the ribbing and teasing in which the smart-alecs delight.

If you are a wise parent or guardian, you will prepare your daughter for the ordeal. Boys, more or less, learn at an early age to either ignore the bully or to team up with him, so his feelings are not so easily hurt. But daughter needs a bit of pre-schooling!

Some mothers will resent what next I have to say. Help your child to be one of the group—don't stress her individuality too strongly.

Children act like sheep. What one does the others want to do. What one wears the others want to wear. The child who dares to be different is quickly tagged as the "black sheep" and is not included in the group. Her school days can be lonely, heartaching days. School-yard games and after-school parties will go on without her. She will distort her little mind by wondering, "Why am I not wanted?"

With discretion, help your little ward to be one of the girls. If other girls are wearing little striped cotton blouses and dark plain skirts, let your child wear them. If girls are wearing barrets instead of hair-ribbons, let your child wear a barret. If the little girls go to the Saturday movie matinee en masse, let your child join them. She will be happier if you do.

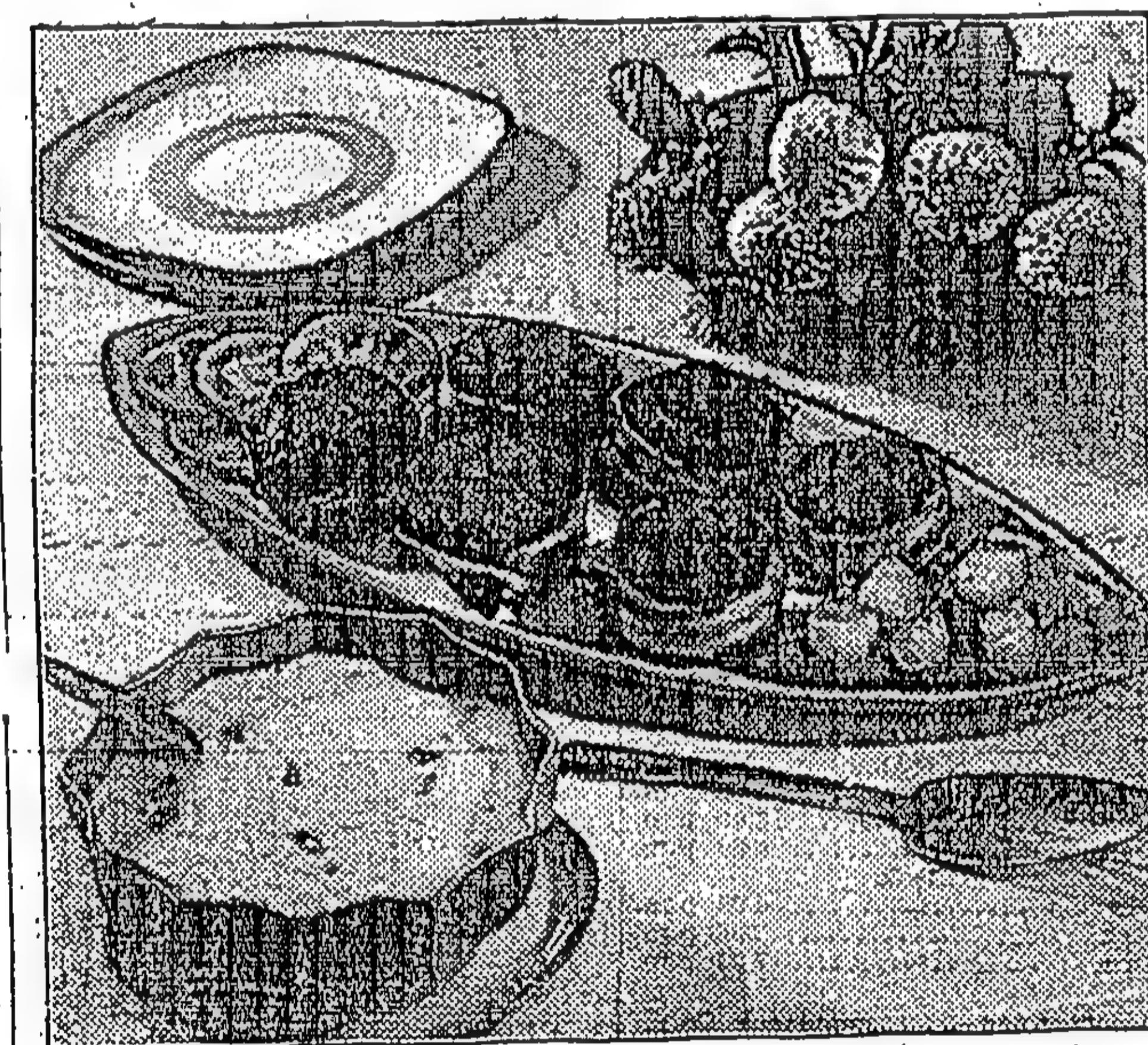
Of course, you can teach her discrimination. If a style is poor taste, tell her so. If the "movie" is not for young eyes, plan something else for her and include schoolmates. Explain things to her so she in turn can explain them to her classmates. Individuality will blossom anyway as a child matures, so there is no need for you to make her stand out of the little group by requesting that she act differently and dress differently.

Keep her healthy throughout her school year by feeding her at regular hours, having her rest sufficiently, demanding that she play out-of-doors for exercise, and teaching her how to keep well groomed. After four a child can do much for herself if taught!

MEATS — Slow Cookers and Fast Ones ...both types have their place in meal planning

says Dorothy Greig

IT'S a good thing for most of us that there are both long cooking meats and short cooking ones. We can thereby neatly gear our meats to our day's planned activities.



Lamb patties, girdled in bacon, are garnished with sliced tomatoes and spiced pineapple cubes, and served with Creamy Mushroom Sauce.

There's comfort in the realization that, oh well, we can stay out a while longer because for dinner we are having steak which cooks practically in jiff time.

On days we are at home, the "coziest" sound in the world is the slow sizzle of that roast in the oven. And for sheer pleasure no fragrance can equal the savory whiff of the stew as we lift the lid to drop in vegetables.

One of my pet short cookers is patties made of ground lamb instead of the more usual beef. They are accompanied by a creamy mushroom sauce which does wonders to glorify the simple dish:

Grilled Lamb Patties with Creamy Mushroom Sauce

1½ pounds lean lamb, ground
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
9 bacon slices
Season ground lamb with salt and pepper and shape into round cakes. Wrap each in bacon slices and fasten with skewer or tooth pick. Pan-brown the patties on both sides. Thick pour off all except 1 tablespoon fat. Serve 6.

— and notice how easy the sauce is to make:

Creamy Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
½ cup milk

Empty the soup into the pan in

which the patties were cooked and stir well, then add milk and heat.

Serve sauce in gravy boat with the meat.

A garnish of sliced tomatoes and spiced pineapple cubes is another good touch with this dish.

When it comes to a slow-cooking meat, I have a favorite, too. It's a pot roast with a special trick to the gravy which adds extra flavor and turns the roast into a real triumph!

Pot Roast with Mock Turtle Gravy.

4 pounds beef, rolled

2 cups flour

2 teaspoons salt

1½ teaspoon pepper
½ cup suet or 3 tablespoons fat
Vegetables (1 carrot, 2 stalks celery, 1 onion and 2 sprigs parsley)

A cut of beef from round, rump, chuck or shoulder is used for pot roast.

Mix the flour with the salt and pepper. Wipe the meat with a damp cloth, then dredge with flour and seasonings. Melt the suet or fat in a heavy pan and sear ends and sides of the roast.

Place the seared roast on a low rack in the bottom of a heavy kettle. (Beef bones may be placed in bottom of kettle and roast set on those, if rack is not available.) Add cut up vegetables and 1 cup of hot water. Cover tightly and cook for two hours, turning occasionally. The juices come out of the meat and roast finally cooks in its own juices.

Gravy for Pot Roast:
Strain and measure fat and juices from pot roast. Skim off fat.

4 tablespoons fat (skinned from roast liquor)
4 tablespoons flour
4 cups liquid (meat juice from roast)

1 can condensed mock turtle soup
Cook the flour in the fat until frothy and slightly browned. Then add 2 cups of liquid which is the meat juices with water added if necessary and cook until thickened.

Add the mock turtle soup and cook 2-4 minutes. Put the roast back in the gravy and continue cooking for one hour. During this final cooking, it is well again to put the roast back on the rack or bones so that it does not stick to bottom of roaster. Keep slightly covered.

Adding soup to gravy 1 hour before adding is "dumb," means that gravy is still really when meat is thus saving time at the working end.

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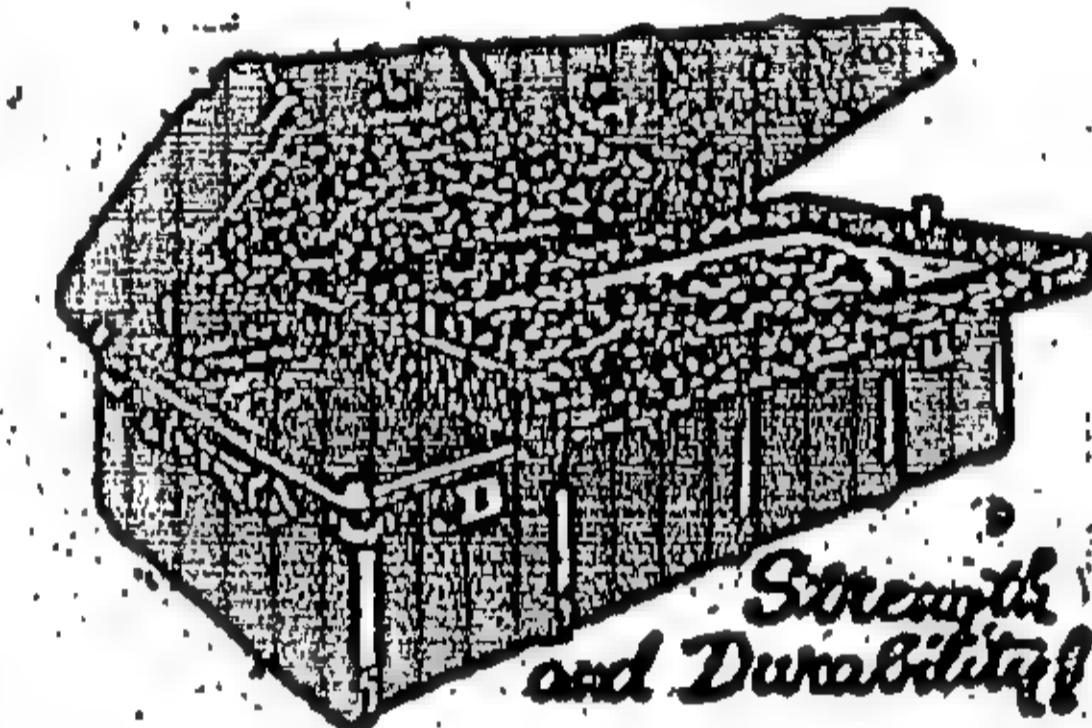
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Trio in D Minor (Op. 32) by Arensky.

12.57 p.m.—Song—"Could I be in Love?" (from the film "Champagne Waltz"). Gladys Swarthout (Contralto).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Songs by Greta Keller.

1.13 p.m.—Henry Jacques' Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, and Isle Carlisle.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 p.m.—Sea Shanties by John Goss and the Cathedral Male Voice Choir.

7.45 p.m.—London Palladium Orch.

The Grasshopper's Dance (Buccolossi).

La Sicilia (Barcarolle—Norton).

Blue Devils' March (Williams, arr. Letter).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—This Week's Programmes.

8.07 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

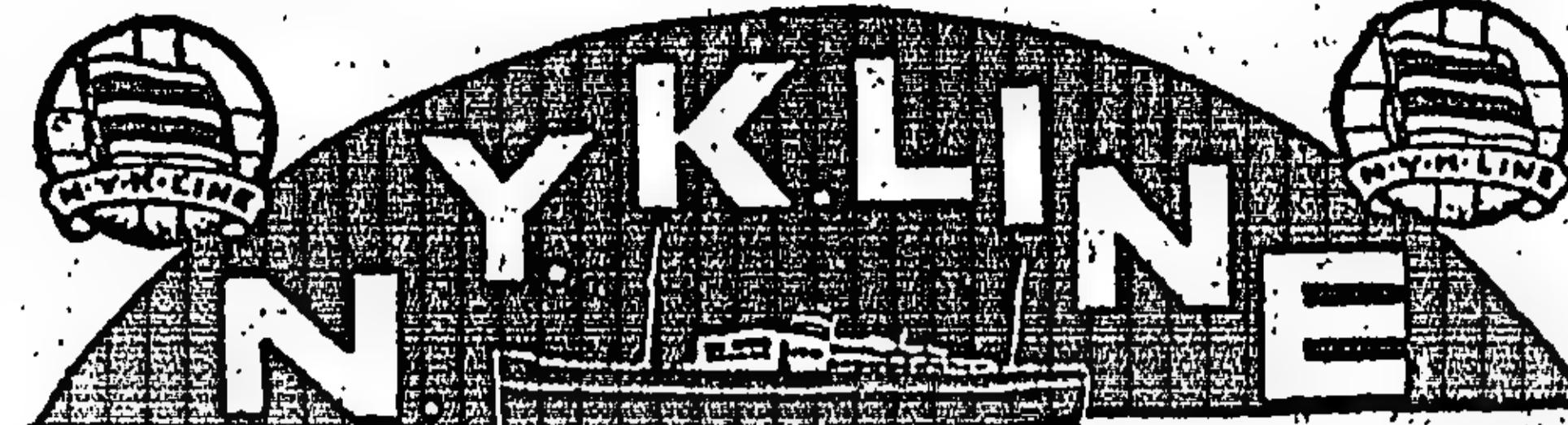
9.30 p.m.—Symphony No. 6 in B-Minor (Op. 74). ("The Pathétique") by Tchaikovsky.

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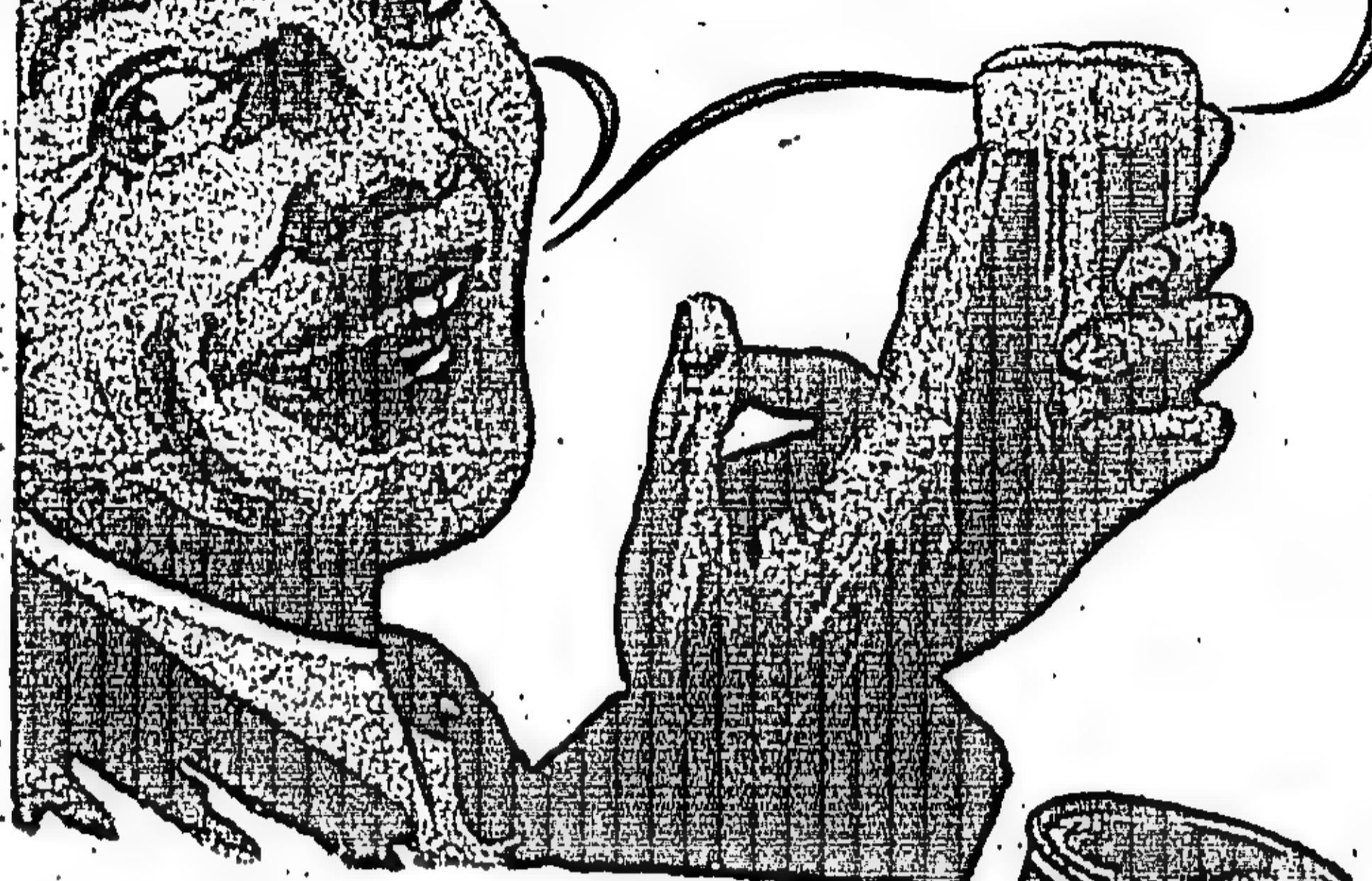
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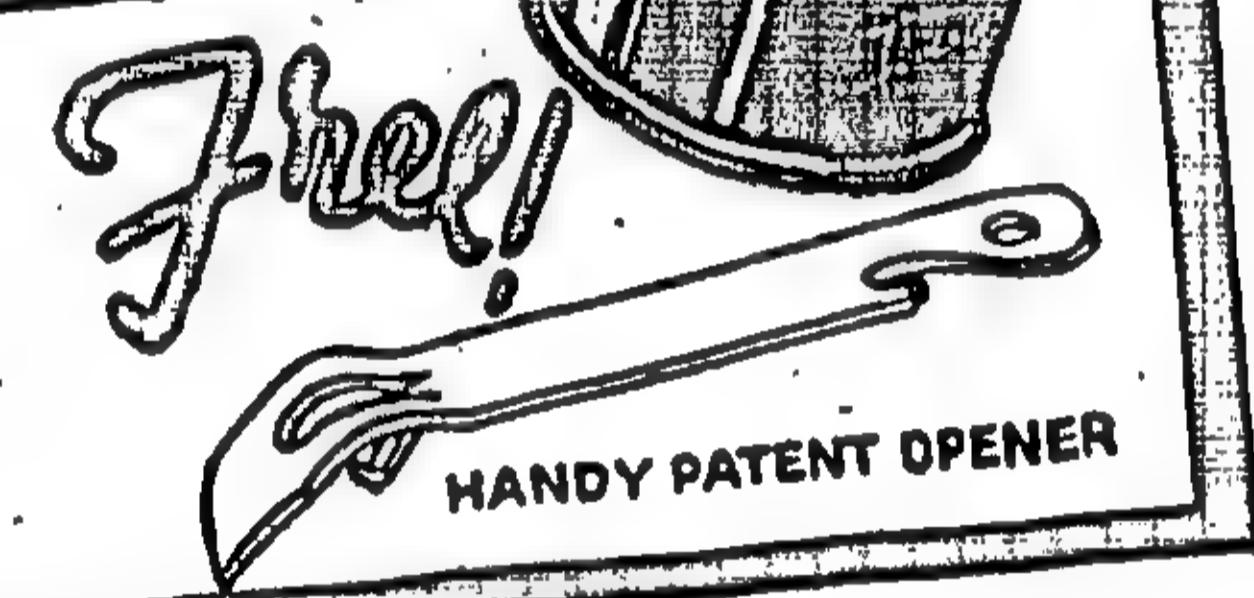
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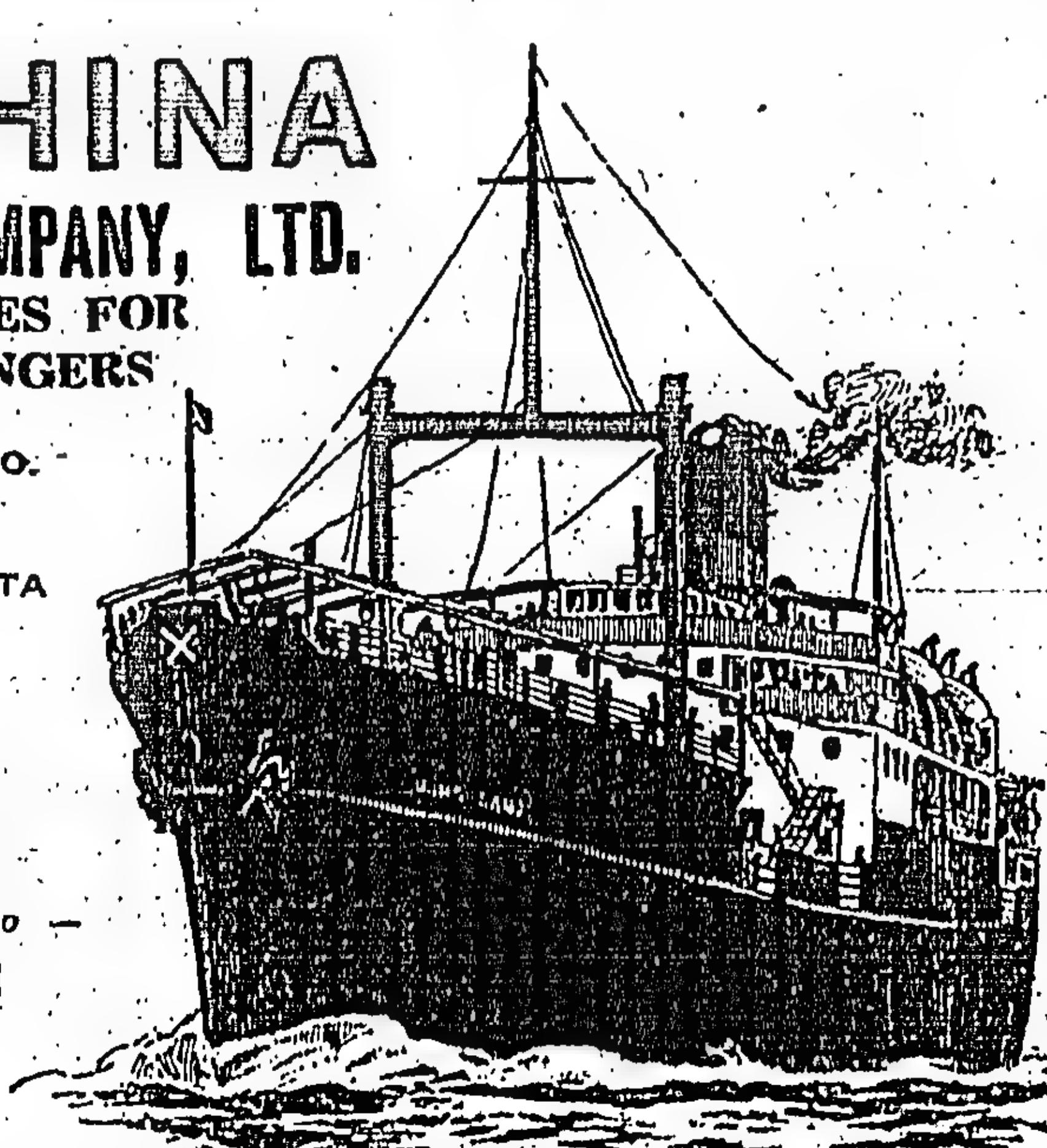
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In Worcestershire, where the pickers have camped out each year, making their job a long holiday, there is now such a big shortage of labour that the Women's Land Army have been called in.

"The usual crowd of hop-pickers from London refuse to leave their homes, and tell us they prefer to stand by them while the bombs are falling," Mrs. E. K. Coombe, organising secretary of the W.L.A., Worcester, told a reporter. "They say that where there is danger they all prefer to be together."

"They could have peace and quiet out here and be away from the raids. The camps are all ready for them in the hop fields nad orchards, but they won't leave their little 'castles' in London.

"Our girls have just finished the harvest and now many of them are going straight on to hop-picking."

Mr. E. Griffiths, of Wint Hill Farm, Suckley, Worcs., who has a machine with 90,000 pieces that picks two-thirds of a cwt. of hops per hour, said: "It is practically impossible to get the old hands today."

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The aim of the service is to co-operate with the wardens and other A.R.P. workers from within the home, and to promote a feeling of confidence and neighbourliness.

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SOUTH CHINA HELD TO ONE GOAL BY KWONG WAH

Lee Kwok-Kee Plays Brilliant Game For Losers

Winners Far From Impressive

By "Sportshawk"

KWONG WAH, WHO WERE WITHOUT THE SERVICES OF THEIR BEST PLAYER, CHEUK SHEK-KAM, DID VERY WELL TO HOLD SOUTH CHINA TO A SINGLE GOAL IN A FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE FOOTBALL MATCH AT BOUNDARY STREET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

This narrow margin can be attributed to their custodian, Lee Kwok-kee, who played a brilliant all-round game and saved numerous apparently certain goals.

How much South China missed the shooting of Lee Wai-tong, who is still on the injured list, could not be ascertained but without him in the attack, they seldom looked like a winning team.

Chan Does Well

Chan Tak-fai, who took over Lee's position as the leader, combined very well with his two wingers, Lee Tak-kee and Lee Shek-yau, who revealed splendid teamwork. These three players formed a strong attacking unit and were a source of worry to Kwong Wah's defence. Their play, however, left one the impression that they were keeping something in reserve.

South China's intermediate-line was best served by Tse Kam-hung, left half, who worked hard and concentrated in assisting his defence, in which Tsang Chung-wan was the only player to shine.

Apart from Lee Kwok-kee, Chung Fai-jam, right back, also played a fine game in the defence for Kwong Wah, while King Kai-pew, left half, did well in the face of South China's repeated attacks.

Chin Chi-fun and Wong King-chung were Kwong Wah's outstanding forwards, particularly the former, who ably led the attack and who also played a sound individual game.

The Play

South China attacked from the start and were on the offensive for the first 15 minutes, during which period, Chan Tak-fai scored the only goal of the game with a beautiful header from a high centre from Lee Tak-kee.

Towards the last 10 minutes of the first period and for a short time at the opening of the second half, Kwong Wah launched several raids but all were baulked by the opposition keepers.

The match on the whole was not quite up to First Division standard and the play was occasionally scrappy.

South China: Tom Kwankon; Tsane Chung-wan and Li

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

Following are yesterday's football results:

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah	0	South China	1
St. Joseph's	1	Eastern	4
Santos.		Hau Ching-to,	
		Chung Yung-	
		sum and V.	
		K. Hyui (2).	

SECOND DIVISION

30th R.A.	1	Kwong Wah	1
Sing Tao	1	Kit Chee	0
Wu Chui-chung,			
Police	2	Navy	
		Birch.	
		Kong Ling (2).	

THIRD DIVISION

7th R.A.	0	35th R.A.	5
R.A.F.	2	12th R.A.	1
A.S.A.	0	Signals	4
R.A.M.C.	2	Shell	1

Kwok-wai: Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po and Tse Kam-hung; Lee Tak-kee, Lau Chung-sang, Chan Tak-fai, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

Kwong Wah: Lee Kwok-kee, Chung Fai-jam, Leung Pak-wai; Cheung Wing, Chung Kim-fai, King Kai-pew; Leung Fung-kam, Tin Yung-lat, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

THIS WEEK'S SOCCER FIXTURES

SATURDAY:
First Division
South China v. R. Scots (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
Kwong Wah v. Club (Boundary St., 4.00 p.m.)

Second Division:
South China v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Middlesex v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Kwong Wah v. Kitchee (Boundary St., 2.30 p.m.)
Ordnance v. Service Corps (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Sing Tao v. R. Scots (Military, 4.00 p.m.)

Third Division:
International v. Air Force (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
35th R.A. v. Signals (Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)
Shell v. 12th R.A. (Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
Medics v. 20th R.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
30th R.A. v. 7th R.A. (Sookunpo, 2.30 p.m.)

SUNDAY:
First Division:
Eastern v. Sing Tao (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
Navy v. Police (Causeway Bay, 4.00 p.m.)

Second Division:
Engineers v. Navy (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
Club v. Police (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

Third Division:
Service Corps v. 24th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
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YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL

Following are yesterday's softball results:

Cardinals 37, **Chung Hwa** 11.
Panthers 17, **Ramblers** 12.
Canuckettes 7, **Walhogs** 6.
Filipinos 18, **Canucks** 6.
Hong Kong Baseballers 12, **Indians** 4.
Cyclones 12, **Chinese Baseballers** 8.
Liga Peruviana 17, **Recreio Bees** 15.
Chung Hwa 21, **C.B.A.** 7.
R.A.F. 9, **South China** 6.
Shei 9, **Cables** 4.
Hong Kong Bank 17, **Lucas** 15.
U.S.S. Tufts 8, **S. Joseph's** 5.

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SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Cricket

LEADING cricketers on Saturday were K. M. Baxter of Kowloon Cricket Club juniors, and H. L. Ozorio, of Recreio seniors.

Following were the best performances:

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Rugby

ARMY were surprised by Club when they were held to a 13-all draw at Sookunpo on Saturday in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament.

It was a fair result. Club led at the interval by 5-3 and their points came as the result of two goals and a try against Army's two goals and a penalty goal.

Combined small Units beat Club "A" by 6-3, while at Causeway Bay Police "A" beat Navy "A" by 6-3. *

Soccer

AFTER leading at the interval by 3 goals to 1, Middlesex fell to pieces after the interval and were beaten by the odd goal in seven by Police in First Division at Boundary Street on Saturday.

In spite of the absence of Williamson, Kowloon were able to collect both points from Royal Scots at Chatham Road. Royal Scots as usual were poor in the attack and had more opportunities of scoring than their opponents.

Sappers consolidated their position at the head of the Second Division table when they accounted for their nearest rivals, Middlesex, by the odd goal in five. Their strongest challengers now are Service Corps who accounted for Royals by 4 goals to 1.

24th Battery received a bad setback when beaten by Engineers in Third Division by 2 goals to 1.

Hockey

FOR the first time in many weeks there were no Ladies' hockey matches and the only two games played were those in which the enthusiastic Y.M.C.A. teams were engaged.

The senior "Y" team was unfortunate to be beaten by Nomads after being two clear goals to the good at the interval, while the junior side drew with R.A.M.C.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY SCHEDULE

POLO DRAW

The first round of the K.O.Y.L.L. Cup will be played at the Hong Kong Polo Club ground, Boundary Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 3.30 p.m.

The draw resulted as follows:—
H.K.S.R.A. "B" v. Fixed Defences;
H.K.S.R.A. "A" Team v. Middlesex Rgt.

The following are the teams:—

H.K.S.R.A. "A"—Capt. Duncan (4), Major Fisher (3), Capt. Mohr (2), Capt. Atkinson (1).

FIXED DEFENCES—Major Morgan (4), Major Hunt (3), Capt. Forrest (2), Lt.-Col. J. D. Way (1).

H.K.S.R.A. "A"—Lt. Fielden (4), Major Penfold (3), Major Wilson (2), Lt. B. Smith (1).

MIDDLESEX REGT.—Lt. Hancock (4), Capt. T. Chatley (3), Capt. W. Chatley (2), Capt. Guest (1).

The final round will be played on Saturday, Dec. 7.

R.A. Cup

Games in the Royal Artillery Cup will be played between Dec. 16 and Dec. 27 entries for which will close on Dec. 15.

The following are the conditions of play: Handicap knockout (open to any team). No team to concede more than five goals. Actual playing days will be announced later.

BOWLS WIN FOR K.C.C.

In a friendly lawn bowls match played yesterday afternoon Kowloon Cricket Club beat Kowloon Dock Recreation Club by 27 shots on the latter's green.

R. S. Capell, W. Lee, L. Jack and F. Goodwin (K.C.C.) beat J. Banderilla, P. Mason, A. Calman and T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.) 21-13.

A. Wright, A. H. Martin, W. W. Parsons and T. W. Carr (K.C.C.) beat J. Rovie, J. Macpherson, F. Cullen and J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.) 28-14.

W. McMaster, J. G. Ozorio, W. Houston and R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.) beat A. C. Tribble, R. B. Wellwood, A. Stevens and R. H. E. Marks (K.C.C.) 24-19.

There has been much activity in the V. R. C. gymnasium of late. It is stated that Luigi Soaré, their physical culture expert, is getting together a class and it is believed that it is quite possible that later in the season a boxing tournament will be arranged.

MANAGERS DIRECT CLUBS WITH SIGN LANGUAGE

By Joe Cronin

(Manager and shortstop of the Boston Red Sox)
GIVING, GETTING and carrying out signs win close games.

Signs are given by word of mouth and movements.

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There are "take" and "hit" signs. There are signs for the bunt, hit and run, and the steal, double steal, delayed steal and the squeeze. A sign pulls the infield in or places it back. Pitchers get signs telling them what kind of a ball to throw in certain situations. The shortstop and second baseman have their own signs in connection with who is to cover second base.

Switch Signs

There are switch signs — from bunting to hitting, etc. A few players can't seem to get switch signs.

John McGraw and Rogers Hornsby called every pitch and gave the batter a sign on every pitch, but this system upsets batters.

BOTH SIDES WERE UNFORTUNATE

By "SCRUM-HALF"

Army were extremely unfortunate to be without Douglass and March on Saturday for their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match against Club, and the slight reshuffle of the back division as a result was sufficient to place them with their backs to the wall.

Their attack always came from the centre—the wing threequarters never received a pass—and this factor, coupled with a disappointing display from their pack, cost them the game.

Club, on the other hand, were unlucky not to win. Instead of drawing 13-all, they were very well supported by their pack, who had not played better this season, and always looked the more dangerous side.

Players to stand out in the game were Thompson, Stewart, Charter, Thomson, Heasman, Burford and Taylor of Club, and Hook, Richards, Wedderburn, Ford, Duke and Gillan for Army.

The return game will take place on January 4, by which time it is hoped Army will be at full strength, while Club will probably have A. F. Walkden back in their pack.

EVACUATION "TEST MATCH"

More fun than skill was revealed in the "Evacuation Test," cricket match at the Civil Service yesterday, resulting in a win for the "Sentaways" by 34 runs.

Penalties, ranging from 10 cents for a dropped catch to \$100 for biffing an umpire, netted the useful sum of \$15.60, which will be donated to the "Bomber Fund."

Stayput—148 (J. McGowan 77, H. F. Harper 15; A. Shephard 5 for 26).

Sentaways—182 (V. Ebbage 65, C. J. Walker 34; W. J. Skinner 23; Haynes 6 for 20).

The Creasy Cup golf competition, confined to members of P.W.D. Golf Society, has now reached the semi-final stages. D. S. Edward meets K. S. Robertson and W. W. C. Shewen will play against J. E. Richardson for the privilege of entering the final.

From Here And There

U. H. Esmail, Craigengower 2nd XI left-handed slow bowler, has shown marked improvement this season. He still has a tendency to try to bowl too fast, but if he can get over this fault, which has affected his length, he should secure a trial in the first eleven before the season is out.

A few Recreio stalwarts are planning a football-hockey visit to Macao over the Xmas holidays. There is also some talk of taking a cricket eleven in an effort to introduce the game to the Portuguese colony.

George Swinburn and "Paddy" Tomb, two of the leading all-round sportsmen attached to Royal Engineers, have decided to take a rest for the remainder of the year and "retire" from all competitive sport. Swinburn, however, will be playing as much "friendly" badminton as duties allow.

After being one of the mainstays of the R.E. cricket eleven for some seasons, Ratcliffe, referred to by the Sappers as the "hurricane hitter," will not be playing much cricket this season. He is making a return to football, at which game he has represented the Army and his own unit's team at centre-half.

C. Pope, the Police cricketer and football player, is suffering from an injured knee.

Some years ago rowing formed an important part of the programme of activities at V. R. C. Now a few members are trying to stage a revival of rowing at this club and a few crews are already in training. There is also some talk about an inter-Club regatta with the Yacht Club later in the season. A couple of years back a V. R. C. four rowed to Macao, and this is also being contemplated by some of the stalwarts.

Craigengower have lost two "openers" this season. Francis Zimmern, who opened the bowling for them last season, threw in his lot with Kowloon C. C. and now A. R. H. Esmail, their opening bat for many a season, has "re-migrated" to Indian R. C.

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JAPANESE OFFICER SHOT

Attempt To Suppress Story Of Peiping Incident

MEXICAN PRESIDENT INSTALLED

General Avila Camacho took the oath as 51st President of Mexico in the Chamber of Deputies in Mexico City yesterday.

In the course of his speech, President Camacho promised a continuation of the revolutionary regime in Mexico and a continuation of the Pan-American programme.

Referring to the economic life of the country he invited the cooperation of business enterprises and investments in Mexico and said he was ready to cooperate with them.

This declaration is interpreted as an encouraging sign for future dealings between the State and the oil industry.

Confetti Showers

The United States was represented at the inauguration by Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Vice-President-elect, who joined in the applause which followed the ceremony.

At the close of the proceedings President Camacho left with ex-President Cardenas and was loudly cheered by a large crowd which showered both men with confetti. — Reuter.

CARIBBEAN TOUR FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Indications suggest that President Roosevelt may leave Washington to-day on a 15-day tour of the Caribbean to inspect defences in the vicinity

Marking Signature Of Treaty

THE JAPANESE military spokesman in Peiping admitted yesterday that a Japanese officer had been shot in the city but refused details, and the Japanese Telegraph Administration refused to transmit outward messages on the incident.

From a number of different sources it appears that about noon on Friday a Japanese lieutenant-colonel on horseback, accompanied by two mounted escorts, was riding in the main street of the north city not far from military headquarters when a single Chinese jumped off a bicycle, drew a revolver and fired four shots.

The officer was killed and one of his escorts wounded.

The victim is stated to be an ordinary regimental officer with no special duties. He had not been long in Peiping.

Tension in Peiping continues and all gates are still closed. Chinese are not allowed out without a special permit and no Chinese are allowed on trains. It is a notable fact that this is the first case of assassination of a Japanese in Peiping since the occupation, though many puppet Chinese have been assassinated.

Rumours Of Mutiny

Strong rumours in Chinese circles of a mutiny by Chinese militia training at Hsiyuan barracks, north of the city near the

of Puerto Rico, including naval bases being established in the British West Indies. — Reuter.

HUNDRED ARRESTS IN INDIA

One hundred members of the Congress Party have been arrested under the Defence of India Regulations during the first fortnight of the extended civil disobedience under Mr. Gandhi's guidance.

The arrested include four ex-Prime Ministers, 11 ex-Ministers, five Speakers or Presidents of provincial legislatures and seven members of the All-India Congress Committee.

Sentences of imprisonment have been imposed ranging up to 18 months for men and up to three months for women. — Reuter.

GERMANY'S ILL-OMEN WARSHIPS

According to the German wireless a new destroyer flotilla has been put into service.

It is said to be named the "Norvik flotilla."

It may appear to superstitious German seamen to be an ill-omened choice. It is easy to understand why Herr Hitler's mind is preoccupied with the name of Narvik when it is remembered that nine of the most powerful German destroyers — Anton Schmidt, Wilhelm Heidkamp, Dietrich von Roder, Hans Lüdemann, Wolfgang Zenker, Bernd von Arnim, Erich Glese, Erich Föllner and Hermann Kunne — met their end at that place last April. — British Wireless.

BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR PREMIER

An interesting ceremony took place on Saturday when Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands visited the Chancellor of the Exchequer and handed him a cheque for £35,000 subscribed by the people of Java to the Churchill Birthday Fund.

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The offensive also threatens to engulf Fascist positions in the centre of the line.

The Greeks are pursuing the Italians towards Elbasan and are fighting fiercely in a new layer of mountain snow.

It is reported that highly important positions have been captured in the Premiti region, north-east of Argyrokastron.

It is claimed Greek forces are now on a line from which they are able to develop operations of immense strategic value. — International News Service.

MR. KENNEDY RESIGNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, United States Ambassador to Britain, revealed in Washington yesterday that he gave President Roosevelt his resignation on November 6.

Mr. Kennedy agreed to retain his position technically until a successor is appointed, though he will not return to London while still Ambassador.

Mr. Kennedy said he will devote himself to aiding the English cause, "which means the preservation of the American form of Democracy." — International News Service.

CHUNGKING WARNS

THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER DR. W. A. N. G. CHUNG-HUI, YESTERDAY ISSUED A WARNING TO OTHER POWERS THAT "RECOGNITION OF THE ARCH-TRAITOR WANG CHING-WEI" WILL BE CONSIDERED AN UNFRIENDLY ACT BY GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S GOVERNMENT.

This is the Chinese Government's first official response to the signature of the treaty between Japan and the Nanking (rebel) regime. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: North east winds, fresh; fine.

Shake-Up All Round Planned By Cabinet

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WINTER LISTLESSNESS IS BEGINNING EARLY IN ENGLAND AND ONE CAN ALREADY SEE THE SAME TRACES OF OVER-COMPLACENCY AND OVER-CONFIDENCE OBSERVED IN FRANCE LAST WINTER.

But in England it is the civilian front which is showing signs of reaction from the keyed-up spirit, though the army is partly infected.

Informed sources disclosed yesterday that the Government is studying strong methods of dealing with a number of small issues, none of which represents a major crisis, but an accumulation of which could cripple England.

600TH VICTIM OF SINGLE STATION

THE SIX HUNDREDTH ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED BY SQUADRONS OPERATING FROM A SINGLE FIGHTER COMMAND STATION WAS SHOT DOWN ON SATURDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE JOINT EFFORTS OF TWO SPITFIRE PILOTS BELONGING TO ONE SQUADRON.

There had been keen competition to achieve this score amongst all squadrons on the station and a prize fund has been subscribed for an award to the pilot who brought down the six hundredth enemy machine.

This prize, proceeds of which are being devoted to a "celebration party," has been shared by both pilots, one whom, a 22-year-old flight commander, had 11 destroyed enemy to his credit, and the other, a 26-year-old pilot officer, had 19 to his. Both these pilots have already received the D.F.C. — British Wireless.

EIGHT PLANES SHOT DOWN

An Air Ministry announcement at 8.30 last night stated: "Reports up to 8 p.m. show that eight enemy aircraft have been destroyed to-day. Five of our fighters have been lost but the pilots of all these aircraft are safe." — British Wireless.

BRITISH SUBMARINE FEARED LOST

The British submarine Triad (Lt. Comm. G. S. Salt) is overdue and may be considered lost, according to an Admiralty announcement in London yesterday. — Reuter.

RATIO OF LOSSES IN AIR

A total of 229 enemy aircraft were destroyed over Britain and British waters and over German and German-occupied territory and German waters by the R.A.F. and ground defences during November.

This includes 20 Italian aircraft. During the month 53 British

GERMAN FAIRY STORIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
A German High Command communiqué on the bombing of Southampton, issued in Berlin yesterday, claimed the whole city resembles a "fiery cauldron."

The communiqué said the raid was carried out in an effort to totally destroy Southampton's commercial facilities.

Germany also claimed a series of heavy blows at Britain's ocean traffic, including the damaging of five destroyers and the sinking of 79,000 tons of merchantmen by a single Nazi surface raider in a short period in mid-Atlantic.

The Nazis claim that a raid on the Dutch coast by British speed-boats was repulsed, two British vessels being sunk. — International News Service.

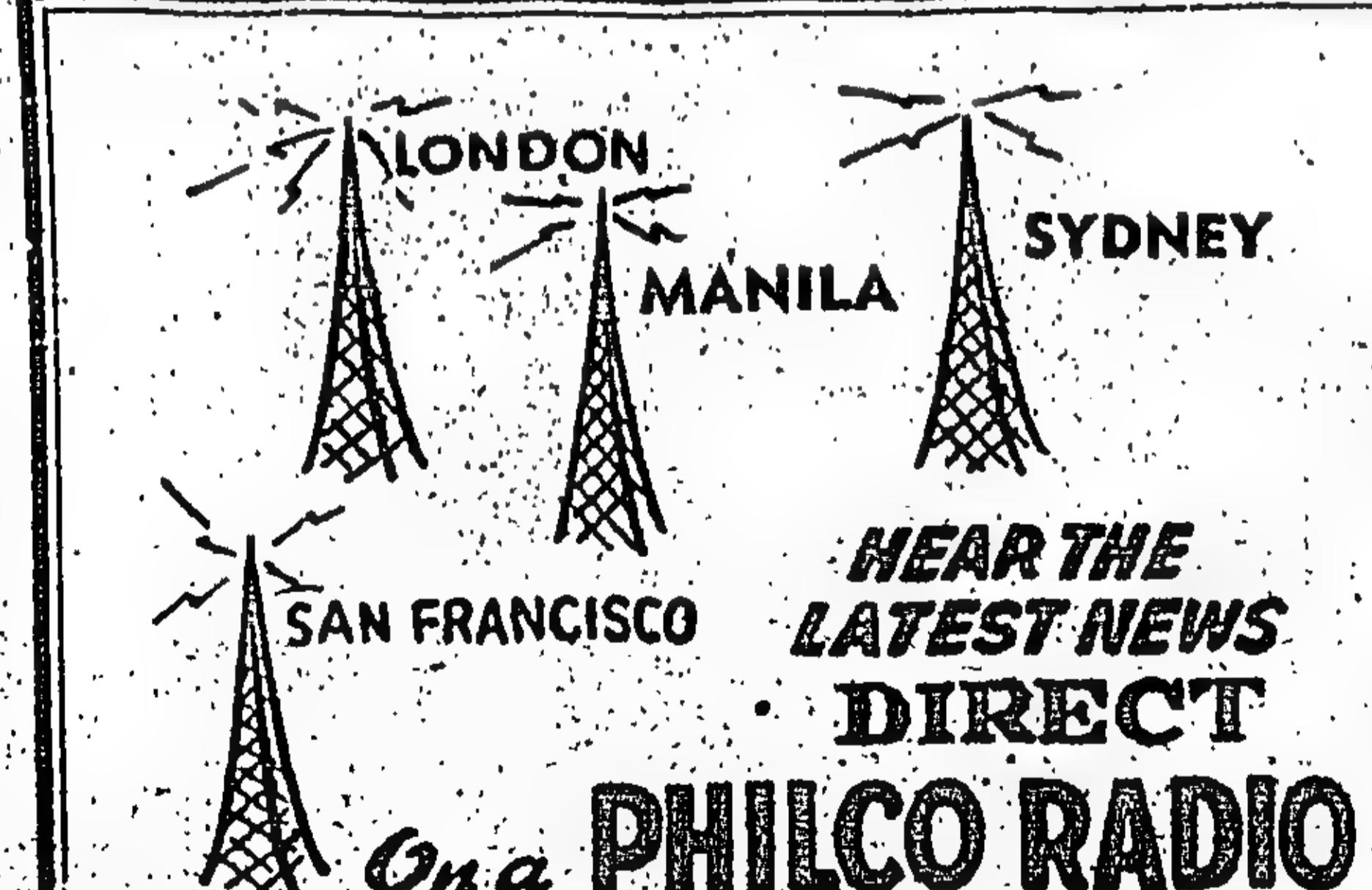
The facts of these incidents are given elsewhere in this issue.

fighters were lost over Britain but 28 pilots were saved.

Forty-eight British aircraft were lost over enemy territory.

In addition to the above, 60 Italian aircraft were destroyed in the Mediterranean and African theatres of war against 18 British planes.

The above figures do not include enemy aircraft shot down by naval or merchant vessels or the Fleet Air Arm, nor Italian losses in Greece. — Reuter.



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Nazi Diplomatic Blitzkrieg Passes Peacefully Away

Balkan Damper On Ribby's Enthusiasm

MASSACRE ORDERED BY BERLIN?

The Rumanian Foreign Office has warned the public not to listen to a secret radio station which has started to broadcast to them.

This station has given details of proof it holds that the mass murders of political prisoners were planned and ordered by Berlin.

It is not known where the station is operating.

According to Moscow Radio, German circles in Rumania have revealed details of the shooting of the 64 political prisoners.

The day before the murder, the military guard was removed and 50 Iron Guards were left in charge.

Armed with automatic weapons, they entered the cells and shot and killed the prisoners, some of whom had 40 bullets in them.

Berlin comment: Nothing out of the ordinary has happened in Rumania.

Rome comment: The shootings were understandable.

Portuguese press comment: "We protest because we are Christians, because we belong to the human species." — Reuter.

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE HAS BEEN a lull in diplomatic activity this week after the feverish German efforts of the previous week to whip up enthusiasm for the much-heralded "new order in Europe."

The tepid reception which the adherence of three Balkan countries to the Tripartite Pact has received all over the world seems to have dampened the enthusiasm of Ribbentrop, and save for some tentative efforts in the direction of Turkey, the diplomatic blitzkrieg appears to have died down for the moment.

Rumania is falling further and further under the Nazi yoke. The terroristic activities of the Iron Guard, if not directly encouraged, are certainly inspired by Germany.

It is possible the disorders are being instigated by the Nazis to provide them with an excuse for placing Rumania under direct German military dictatorship, thus removing the country's last shreds of independence.

The victorious Greek advance is still continuing and the Italians seem incapable of stemming it despite their counter-attacks and re-shuffling of generals.

No Sign Of Aid To Italy

There is still no sign that the Germans are about to come to Italy's aid.

Possibly they wish to see her still further in the mire before

they come to her help—on their own terms.

The Japanese pact with the puppet administration of Wang Ching-wei has made little impression on the world.

The granting by the United States of a £25,000,000 loan to General Chiang Kai-shek's Government has shown more clearly than any words that the United States Government has no intention whatever of ceasing to regard the Chungking Government as the Government of China.

German Caution

The British Government has stated it holds exactly similar views.

Well-informed circles in London feel it possible that Italy may recognise the "Nanking Government" but despite the Pact which allies her with Japan, it is believed that Germany will continue her cautious attitude regarding Japan and China, in an attempt to keep a foot in both camps.—Reuter.

AXIS FAILURE IN BALKANS

AXIS ATTEMPTS TO INVADE THE BALKANS ON TWO FLANKS HAVE FAILED UTTERLY OWING TO THE ITALIAN DEFEATS BY GREECE. COMMENTED ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY.

There are people, the Turkish radio continued, who prefer not to shed their blood for the schemes of others but who will die for their own independence. — Reuter.

WAN YAH OLD BOYS

The following officials were elected on Saturday for the session 1940-41:

Hon. President: Rev. R. W. Gallagher, S.J.

President: Mr. Ko Fook Son. Vice-President: V. Rev. E. Bourke, S. J. and Mr. Chan Wai Chuen.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Wong Chung Ngat.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Kwan Man Wai.

Councillors: Rev. T. Ryan, S.J., Messrs. Albert Chan, Chan Kam To, Chan Wai Ming, Cheng Fook Choi, Fok Cho Ming, Lui How Ping, Joseph Ng, Tain Sik Poon, and Wong Yuk Shu.

Hon. Auditors: Messrs. Fung Yin Kwan and Tsang Kwok Kuen.

Remanded from Saturday, Wong Kwoi-sang, 32, convicted for stealing \$5 from a stall owner was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Six weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning on Tam Wai, 31, for snatching a woollen shawl from a woman in Canton Road on Saturday.

FIRST PASSENGERS FROM H.K.

The first passengers from Hong Kong arrived in Canton on Saturday morning.

They reported the strictest observance of the quarantine regulations. Their baggage was fumigated and they had to undergo stool tests.

Passengers added the Japanese officials were courteous. — Reuter.

SWISS ANNOY GERMANS

Bitter attacks on the Swiss press were launched yesterday by several German newspapers.

Thus the "Boersen Zeitung" describing the bombing of Coventry, wrote only of temporary damage to armaments works, whereas the others wrote of the annihilation of Coventry.

This, it says, shows the correspondent is in British pay.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" complains that nobody in Switzerland makes any move to correct this untruthful reporting, while at the same time the National (totalitarian) Party has been banned as dangerous.

The "Völkischer Beobachter" complains that "such reports appear in the press of a country which describes itself as neutral and which at the same time forbids a national movement."

"Forbidding people of German blood to show the German spirit while at the same time accepting British bribes is a sorry spectacle." — Reuter.

PREMIER WORKS ON BIRTHDAY

On his sixty-sixth birthday on Saturday, the Premier, Mr. Winston Churchill, made little departure from his usual routine and spent the day at work.

During the week-end, it is stated, he hoped to attend a small family gathering of which the youngest member is his grandson, the seven-weeks-old Winston Churchill, son of Randolph Churchill, M.P.

Congratulatory messages from all parts of the country and the Empire poured into No. 10, Downing Street.

A particularly welcome birthday present came from the Netherland-East Indies where the local Spitfire Fund organisers sent the following telegram to the Minister of Aircraft Production: "Tomorrow, Saturday, we are remitting to Mr. Churchill £35,000

HUNGARIAN ATTACK ON RUMANIA

THE OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN PAPER "PESTER LLOYD" YES-TERDAY DELIVERED A VIO-LENT ATTACK AGAINST HUNGARY'S AXIS PARTNER, RU-MANIA.

The paper spoke of Rumania's "blind hatred for Hungary" and threatened action to liberate Hungarians still under Rumanian rule in Transylvania. — Reuter.

as a birthday present for seven Spitfires. Please christen them Ceram, Batavin, Bandoeng, Merapi, Soebang, Toba and O.A.B. The last has been subscribed for by non-commissioned officers in the Netherland Indies Army." — British Wireless.

M.T.B.S' RAID INTO MOUTH OF SCHELDT

AN ATTACK on a German supply ship—the 6,000-ton vessel Santos—was carried out by a British patrol of motor torpedo-boats off the Dutch coast yesterday morning, the Admiralty announces.

Soon after the attack, the Santos sent out a distress message saying that she had been torpedoed off the mouth of the Scheldt.

All our craft returned safely to port.

One received superficial damage from a German warship escorting the Santos, but the only casualties were two men wounded.

There was a second naval clash in the North Sea on Saturday night when eight British forces met an E-boat patrol.

Chase was given, but the E-boats escaped in the darkness owing to their higher speed.

The Santos was the fourth supply ship the Germans lost in three days.

One of the others was an 8,000-ton ship sunk last Friday off the Dutch coast by a torpedo-carrying plane.

The torpedo hit the ship in the stern, and as the British pilot left for home he saw that the vessel was already sinking.

A patrol later found the ship with only her upper works awash.

— Reuter.

NO BURYING OF HATCHET

"OUR HATRED IS UNLIMITED," SAID GENERAL ANTONESCU, RUMANIAN DICTATOR, SPEAKING YESTERDAY AT THE CELEBRATIONS ON RUMANIA'S UNION WITH TRANSYLVANIA AFTER THE GREAT WAR.

He emphasised Rumania's rights, predicted that justice would be done, and appealed for unquestioning unity. — Reuter.

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NAVY SWEEPS MEDITERRANEAN

Eye-Witness Story Of Attack On Tripoli Harbour Vain Wait For Italian Response

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet)

ON NOVEMBER 26, I witnessed the Fleet Air Arm's attack on Tripoli harbour. The attack was carried out during a routine sweep of the eastern and central Mediterranean Sea.

Quays, warehouses and shipping were heavily bombed and many fires caused. Toy balloons with lights attached floated up from the aircraft-carrier to test the wind and then, in the dim light of the old moon, heavily-laden bombers took off and vanished.

A period of watchful tension followed and time passed slowly as all eyes strained towards the coast. Suddenly the sky-line was lit by bursting anti-aircraft shells and by flares dropped from the British bombers.

A moment later a great burst of flame cracked the darkness, suggesting that a petrol dump had been hit.

Shortly after this the planes began returning and we waited anxiously until "all back in safety" was reported.

Then swiftly we were away on a different course.

Ship Hit

Reports from the pilots showed that medium and heavy bombs found their marks and one ship was hit by no fewer than three bombs.

When we were 60 miles from shore fires were still visible on the sky-line.

While Admiral Sir James Somerville's forces had been sweeping the western Mediterranean, our eastern forces had been ranging over the whole eastern and central areas, seeking the Italian fleet.

Convoys had been escorted in all directions and it is daily becoming clearer how empty is the Italian boast that the Mediterranean is "mare nostrum."

20 Submarines Sunk

Under the water over 20 of her submarines have been sunk; in the air many of her shadowing planes have been knocked down and fighter formations broken up.

Throughout our own steady flow of men and materials has continued along this highway which the Italians presume to call their own.

On the latest trip I had a first glimpse of peaceful Suda Bay, with its little white town at the foot of the olive-covered hill.

The peace was shattered by four bombs from a lone raider flying at tremendous height.

The bombs fell in the sea and did no damage whil^e the raider made off in the clouds.

That night we attacked Tripoli.

Vain Wait

In vain we waited for an Italian response but two days passed before we heard the news that the Italian fleet was abroad.

Patently we waited for information as to its location but all we heard was that Sir James Somerville's forces had contacted the Italians at long range and that the enemy was now hurrying home. — Reuter.

Mr. E. F. Brown, Inspector of Junks and Cargo-boats, Harbour Department, has reported the theft of a Singer sewing machine and an electric iron from his residence, No. 170, Prince Edward Road.

POSED AS V.C. AND M.P.

An ex-convict who posed as an M.P. and as a V.C. and said he could obtain the release of an interned man, was sent to prison at Hendon.

The man, Leslie de Villiers, fifty-five, engineer, alias Jack Elliott, was accused of obtaining £2 by false pretences from Mrs. Dora Stoutzker, a gold watch, valued £10, belonging to Solomon Stoutzker, and of wearing without authority the medal ribbons of the V.C., M.C., D.C.M., M.M., Mons Star, General Service Medal, Victory Medal, and others.

For the false pretence he was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment, and for wearing the medal ribbons he was fined £25 or three months' imprisonment.

Detective-Sergeant Knott said De Villiers was a convict on licence. Posing as Mr. Silverman, M.P., he told a woman whose husband had been interned that he was arranging with Sir John Anderson for his release, and

money would be required for travelling.

He represented himself to be Jack White, V.C. of Manchester, and obtained money by similar means.

SIGNOR ANSALDO'S TWISTFUL THINKING

SIGNOR ANSALDO, Mussolini's radio commentator whose special duty seems to be to try and cheer up the Fascist troops, tried very hard on Friday night to earn his money.

Signor Ansaldo concentrated on the German air attacks on Britain which (he said) deserved a certain amount of attention, although really big results would take many months.

HE WARNED HIS LISTENERS THAT THE COLOURFUL REPORTS OF "SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS" ABOUT TOWNS IN RUINS AND PORTS SMASHED TO ATOMS MUST BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT.

Italy, he went on, must count on the increasing pressure of the German attacks on Britain, although Italy must not expect the war to be decided for her by her allies.

The Italians (he said rather twistfully) must win the war in the Mediterranean with their own arms "all alone."

Other speakers on the Italian radio are not quite so resigned to fighting "all alone."

One Rome commentator was anxious to prove that Germany cannot afford to see a "valuable ally" roughly handled.

Italy's invasion of France was a decisive factor, he said, and Italian help is still essential for the defeat of Britain.

After talking about the vicious Italian campaign in Somaliland, Egypt and Greece, he continued:

"Furthermore, the Italian Fleet



TAKING CARE OF HEALTH. The occupants of a London shelter having their throats sprayed with disinfectant. Some of the children thoroughly enjoy it. At a study at an underground tube railway station where Londoners seek safety during the raids. (Copyright, Fox.)

SHANGHAI INDIGNANT

There was a fresh outburst of indignation among the Chinese in Shanghai against Wang Ching-wei yesterday.

Posters celebrating the signing of the treaty, put up by Wang Ching-wei's agents in buses and trams, were immediately torn down by patriotic Chinese.

To counteract the propaganda, posters bearing patriotic slogans were put up later in the day in Nanking Road, Yu Ya Ching Road, Avenue Joffre and other thoroughfares, and handbills denouncing Wang Ching-wei were distributed from the roofs of the Sincere Co., the Wing On Co., the Sun Co., and the Sun Sun Co., the four big departmental stores in Nanking Road.

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FOUND £116 - HIS REWARD WAS £2

Stepping into a telephone kiosk, Mr. Cyril Gill, of George Street, Plymouth, found a brown feather bag containing £116 17s. 7d. lying beside the telephone.

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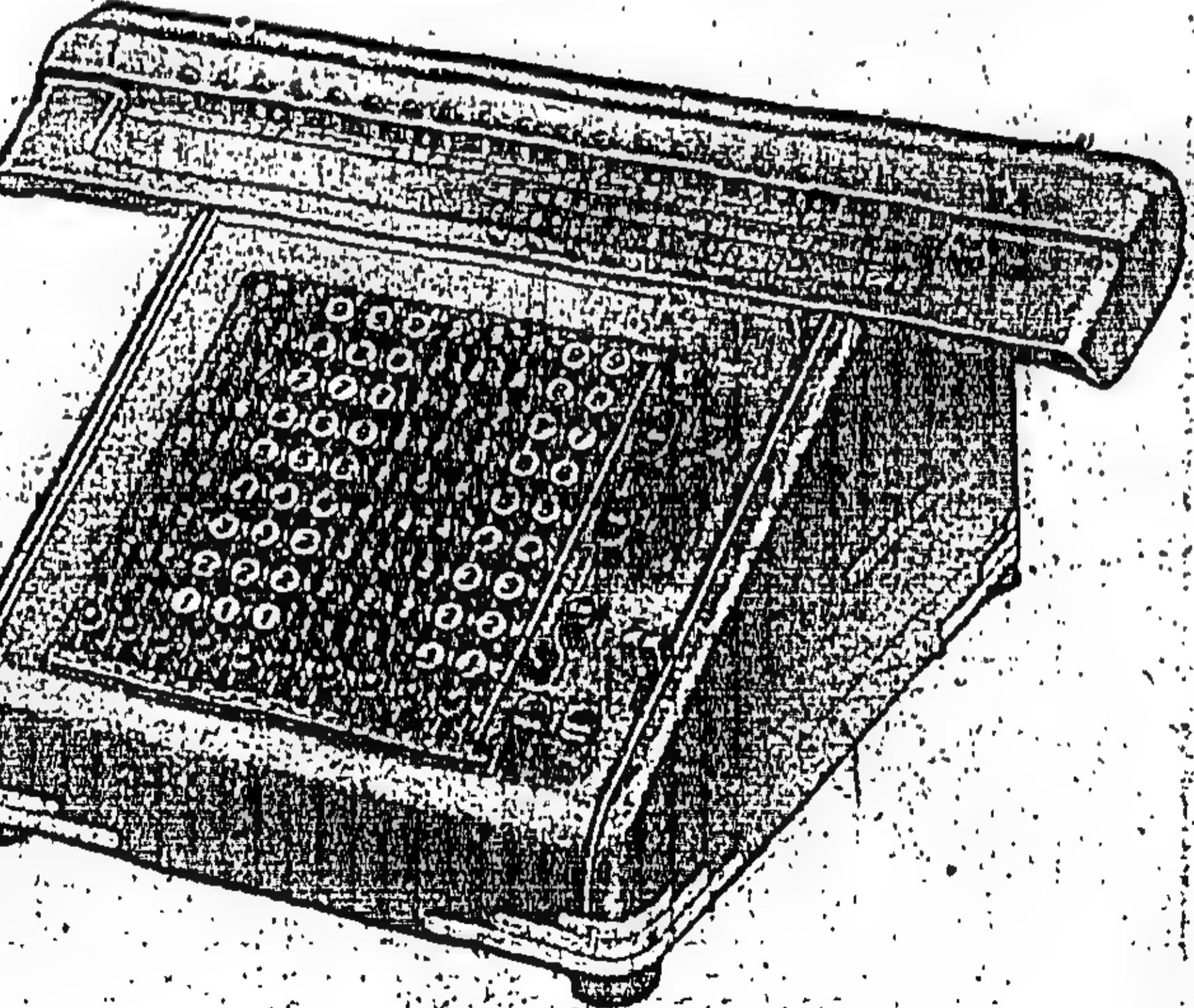
He took it to the nearest police station where the money was counted out and a receipt was given.

As he was going out an agitated and breathless man ran in to report his loss of the money.

When he saw the bag on the table and was told who had found it, he turned to Mr. Gill, thanked him for his honesty and rewarded him with two pound notes.

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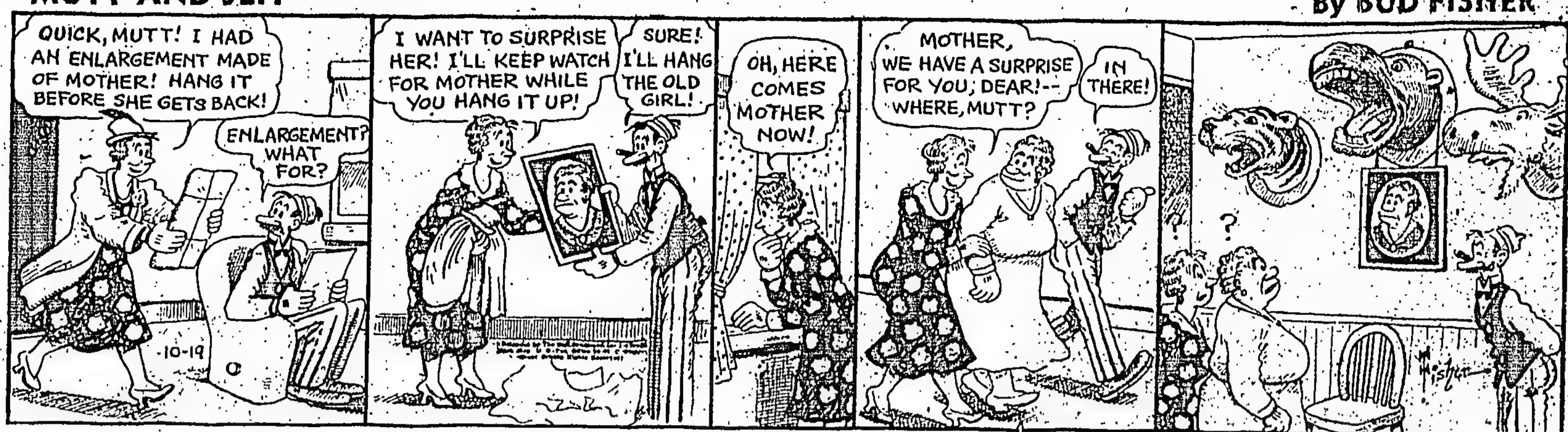
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By BUD FISHER

DID NOT KNOW HIS RIFLE

"He did not realise that pulling the bolt back and closing it again put a cartridge into the breach."

The St. Pancras (London) coroner said this of a Home Guard who, not appreciating the fact that his rifle was loaded, accidentally shot another.

The coroner (Mr. W. Bentley Purchase) recorded a verdict of Accidental death on Henry Alfred Driver, eighteen of Marlborough Road, Holloway, who was shot through the head by a comrade.

"It is desirable that steps should be taken to impress on the people concerned that this sort of thing should not occur again," said the coroner.

Mr. Charles Hamburg, officer commanding the company, replied: "I can assure you that the steps have been taken."

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H.K. PROBLEM OF ECONOMIC NUTRITION

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, was among a large audience at the Queen's Theatre today when an excellently produced and instructive film dealing with nutrition problems and entitled "What to Eat" was shown.

In a brief speech before the screening of the film, the Acting Governor gave a brief outline of measures taken in Hong Kong to tackle malnutrition.

His Excellency said: I have come recently from Southern India, a country of somewhat similar problems to Hong Kong, in that the type of soil and the food, is almost the same. At Coonoor in the Nilgiri Hills there is a Food Research Institute at which an interesting little experiment has been carried out, which is illuminating, because one learns so much better through the eye than through the ear.

There you will see three rats, of which the biggest is

about the size of a kitten, the smallest is not much larger than a mouse, and the intermediate one being about the size of the ordinary English rat.

These were part of one litter born on the same day, but fed on the staple food grains of Southern, Central and Northern India respectively; the effect on the rats being in increasing order of magnitude from South to North.

To any one with eyes in their head, the lack of nutrition in Southern India crops is well illustrated by the fact that the buffalo of these parts must literally weigh not more than half the corresponding beast of Northern India, while the horns of all horned game grow to about half the size that they do in Central and Northern India. The statue of man is similarly affected, but in my limited experience, deficiency in Southern India has not gone to the extent of producing disease to the same extent as it has in South China.

Gravity Of Problem

Since my arrival here I have seen and heard enough to make me appreciate the gravity of this nutrition problem, as did my predecessors.

As a proof of the interest that the Government of this Colony has attached for some time to this problem, Sir Andrew Caldecott appointed the Nutrition Research Committee nearly four years ago, and Sir Geoffrey Northcote—deeply concerned always in the welfare of his people—went further and considerably enlarged the membership of the committee and appointed the Director of Medical Services as its Chairman.

The Nutrition Research Committee has already made an important contribution to the problem as a result of its investigations. It has a wide field to work on—all the hospitals and institutions under the control of the Government Medical Department and in addition all the Refugee Camps under Government control, from which most useful data has been provided for experiments in economic nutrition.

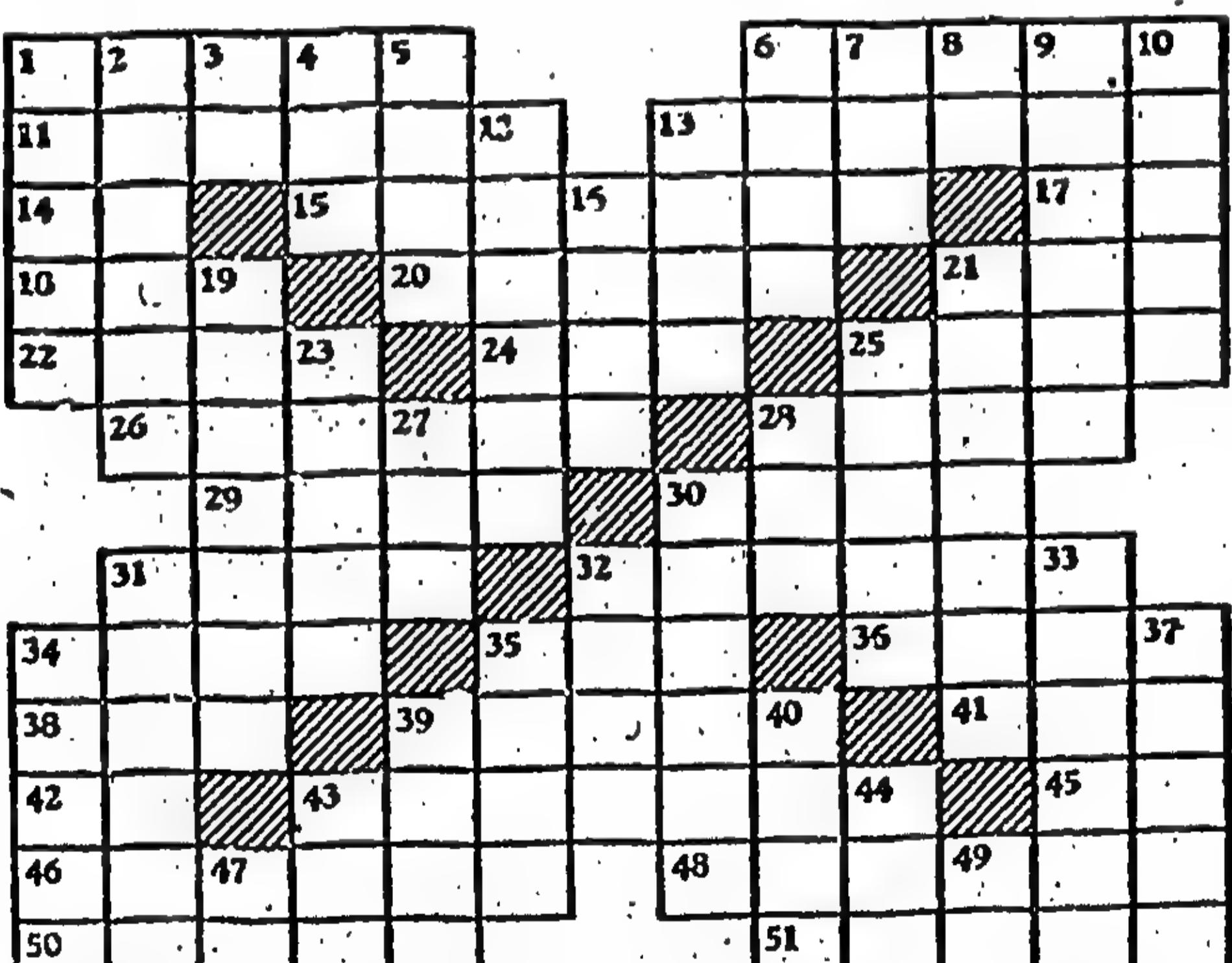
Ignorance Of Essentials

One of the aims of the Nutrition Research Committee is to disseminate the results of their investigations, for I believe malnutrition is not invariably the result of mere inability to buy the essentials of life, so much as of ignorance of what these essentials really are. I have seen in hospitals here some grounds for believing that this is very definitely the case.

The film that we are going to see this morning is part of this system of the dissemination of instruction on this question. The film is based on English conditions, but mutatis mutandis should provide data not only interesting but useful for application to our local problems.

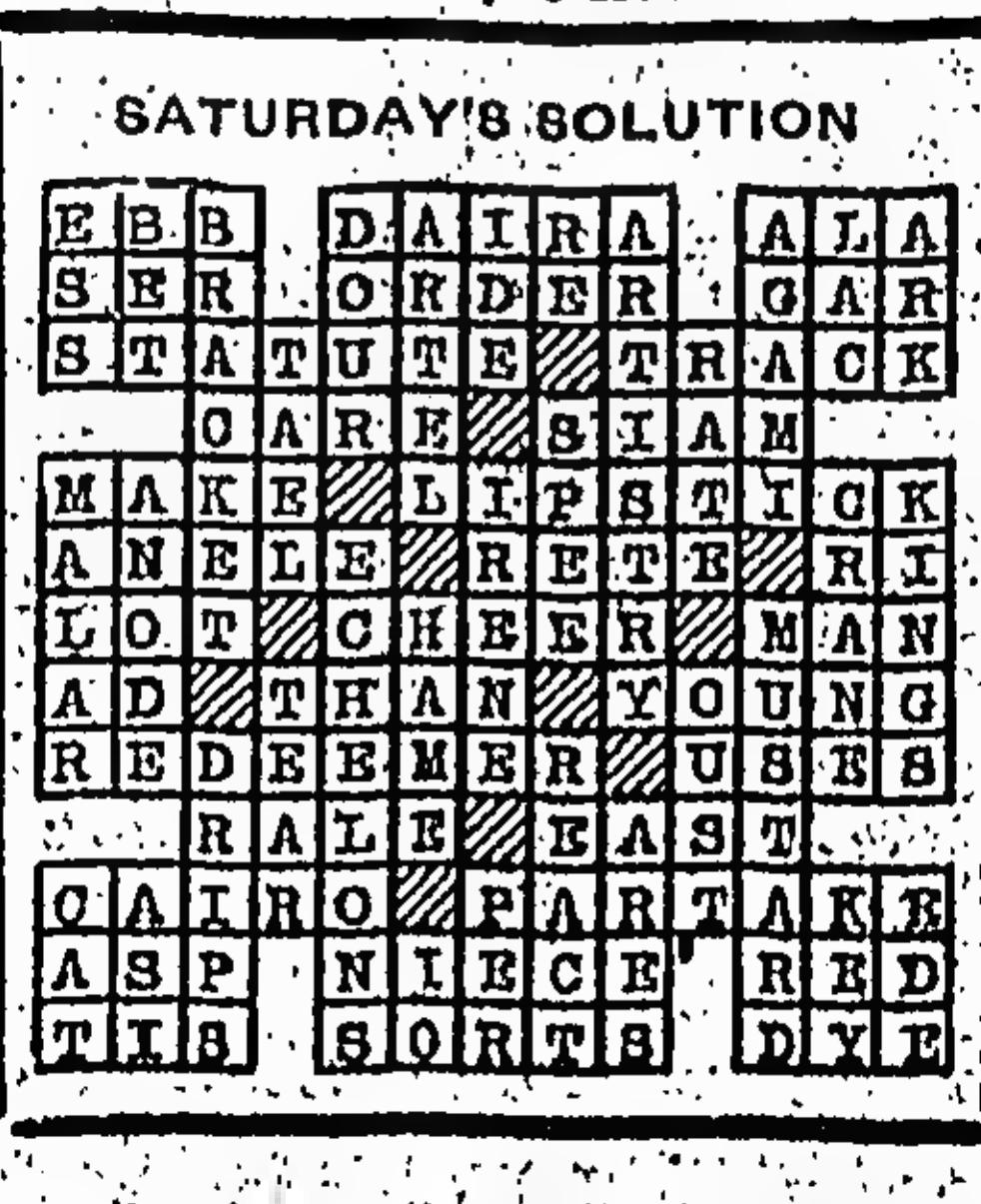
At least, I hope it may help to impress on all here to-day the real necessity for comprehension of the problem of malnutrition and of the necessity for reinforcing in every way possible the efforts which the Hong Kong Government is taking to combat its effects.

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- HORIZONTAL
1 Lance
6 Asian
11 Nipper-like organ
13 Interruption
14 Elder
15 To raise
17 Symbol for sodium
18 Label
20 Period of time (pl.)
21 Cushion
22 To see visions in a crystal
24 Energy
25 Companion
28 Farmers
29 Rabbit
30 Protection
30 Opera by Verdi
31 To distract
32 Steps
34 Class of birds
35 Hindu weight
36 To apportion
38 Coral
39 King of Crete
41 Split pulse
42 Spanish article

- 43 Slang: talkative person
45 Symbol for nickel
46 Aggression
48 Things to be done
50 To rent
51 Opposed to ice
- VERTICAL
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2 Robbery
3 Committed on the high seas
3 Printer's measure
4 High card
5 To depend
6 Islands



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8 Pronoun
9 Crescent-shaped
10 Hebrew letter
12 Bailiffs
13 To injure
16 Futile
18 Hailed
21 Exhibited
23 Hindu aesthetics
25 Title of courtesy
27 Russian commune
28 To hasten
30 Spanish measure
31 Slender
32 To incline
33 Puts up with
34 Pertaining to a plane surface
35 To submerge
37 Ancient prophet
39 Rodents
40 Declines prices
43 Exhasted
44 To acquire
47 Symbol for tantalum
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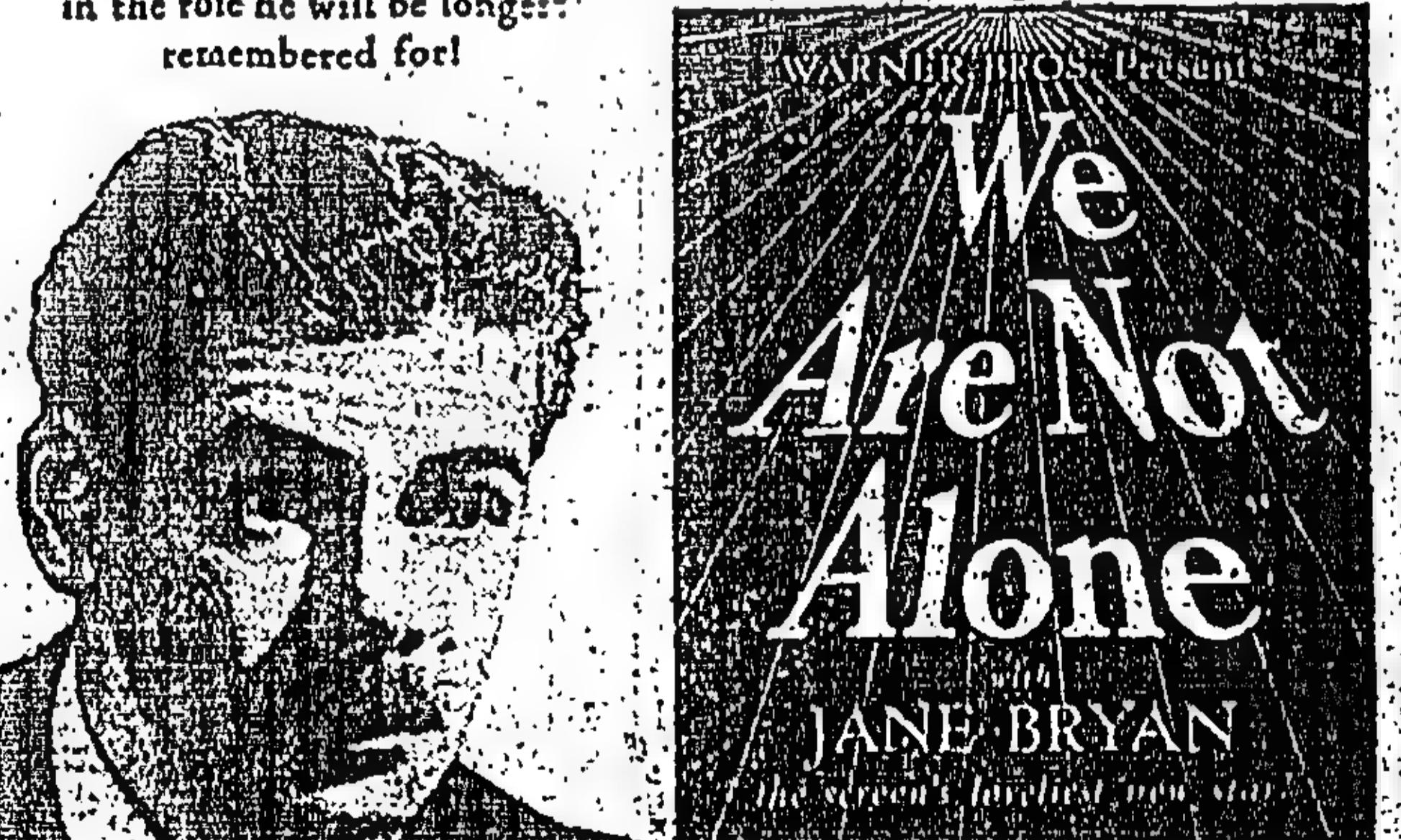
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1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy.	1 Qt. Taylor's Old Tom or Dry Gin.
1 Qt. Martell's "Brandy."	1 Qt. Emu's Sherry.
2 Qts. John Haig Gold Label Whisky or "Perfection" Whisky.	1 Phial Angostura Bitters.

No. 3 HAMPER — \$60.00.

1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy.	1 Qt. Angora "Brandy."
1 Pt. G.F. Peppermint.	1 Qt. Emu's Sherry.
1 Pt. D.O.M.	1 Qt. Taylor's Old Tom or Dry Gin.
2 Qts. Tarragona Port.	2 Qts. Medoc Claret.
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SOUTHAMPTON SUFFERS ANOTHER SEVERE RAID

SOUTHAMPTON WAS RAIDED BY CONSIDERABLE FORCES OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT ON SATURDAY NIGHT, ACCORDING TO AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE; THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN WAS DELIBERATELY ATTACKED AND MUCH DAMAGE DONE TO HOUSE AND SHOP PROPERTY.

Latest reports suggest casualties were not unduly heavy. All services concerned were used to the full and the excellent cooperation between them proved adequate for the heavy calls made on them.

All fires are now under control and alternative accommodation and food has been assured for persons whose homes were destroyed.

Yesterday's air activities over Britain consisted of a small formation of fighters and fighter-bombers none of which penetrated deeper than the southern outskirts of London.

Two enemy aircraft were shot down.

Town's Worst

The raid was Southampton's worst of the war. A rain of incendiary bombs, followed by high explosives, did much damage to churches, houses and shops in the centre of the city.

Many fires were started the effect of which was increased by the high explosive bombs.

The raid began early in the evening with the dropping of flares, some being quickly extinguished by tracer bullets from the ground defences.

Civilians Suffer

The latter also put up a heavy barrage which caused the raiders to circle round at a height which prevented other than indiscriminate bombing.

Several casualties were reported, principally among civilians, including some deaths.

Fire fighting and relief services co-ordinated perfectly and great praise was given yesterday to their efforts.

As in Coventry, the brunt of this raid on Southampton was borne by civilians and not by military objectives.—Reuter.

"On For Ever"

In Southampton a newspaper seller whose shop had been destroyed displayed on the debris a placard which besides announcing the usual sale of newspapers read "Hitler comes and Hitler goes but we go on for ever."—British Wireless.

MEXICAN PRESIDENT INSTALLED

General Avila Camacho took the oath as 51st President of Mexico in the Chamber of Deputies in Mexico City yesterday.

In the course of his speech, President Camacho promised a continuation of the revolutionary regime in Mexico and a continuation of the Pan-American programme.

Referring to the economic life of the country he invited the cooperation of business enterprises and investments in Mexico and said he was ready to cooperate with them.

This declaration is interpreted as an encouraging sign for future dealings between the State and the oil industry.

Confetti Showers

The United States was represented at the inauguration by Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Vice-President-elect, who joined in the applause which followed the ceremony.

At the close of the proceedings President Camacho left with ex-President Cardenas and was loudly cheered by a large crowd which showered both men with confetti. — Reuter.

BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR PREMIER

An interesting ceremony took place on Saturday when Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands visited the Chancellor of the Exchequer and handed him a cheque for £35,000 subscribed by the people of Java to the Churchill Birthday Fund.

The Chancellor expressed the warm thanks of the Prime Minister and keen appreciation of this magnificent expression of Java's support of the common cause.—British Wireless.

CARIBBEAN TOUR FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Indications suggest that President Roosevelt may leave Washington to-day on a 15-day tour of the Caribbean to inspect defences in the vicinity of Puerto Rico, including naval bases being established in the British West Indies.—Reuter.

FACTORY SUMMONS TAKEN TO APPEAL COURT

APPLICATION FOR leave to appeal, by way of re-hearing, was made at the Supreme Court this morning before a full Court of Appeal, composed of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor and Justice E. H. Williams, by J. P. Murphy, in respect of a decision by the senior Magistrate of Kowloon, Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen concerning a Factory Ordinance summons brought by Mr. E. C. Drown.

The summons was against the manager of the Lau Gee Engineering Co., of 129-131 Kwai Lin Street, for failure to fence securely the dangerous parts of five machines in contravention of the Factories and Workshops Ordinance. The Magistrate registered a conviction in respect of only one machine, imposing a fine of \$50. The application for leave to appeal was in connection with the other four on the ground that they were also dangerous.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the appellant, and Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. B. C. Hobbs, represented the respondent.

Mr. Murphy said that the grounds for the application were that the finding that four of the machines were reasonably safe was against the weight of the evidence and that the Magistrate failed to take into consideration the special circumstances of the case arising from the position of the machines.

Against the evidence of the complainant, Mr. Murphy said Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield had testified on behalf of the defendant that the machines were safe because they were properly fenced. Mr. Brayfield's evidence, however, was based on an inspection made on September 12 after the summons had been taken out by which time the machines were properly fixed.

Three Machines

Mr. Murphy said that the summons was in respect of five machines. The Magistrate had convicted in respect of one and as to another the complainant was prepared to abide by his decision. The application, therefore, now concerned three machines.

The summons was taken out on August 13 under Factories and Workshops Ordinance, 1937, which stated that "in a factory dangerous parts of the machinery and mill gearing shall be securely fenced or in such position or construction as to be safe to every person in the premises."

Visits were paid by the complainant in June, July and twice in August. The machines in question had not then been fenced although the manager had been warned and accordingly a summons was taken out in respect of the occasion of August 13 and that was issued a week later.

The evidence of the complainant was based on the standards of safety laid down by the Home Office and set out in official publication.

Mr. Murphy submitted that that evidence was ignored or not taken fully enough into consideration by the Magistrate.

The expert evidence given on behalf of defendant included evidence as to machines not the subject of the summons and this

must have confused the Magistrate and prevented him from coming into a proper decision. On the whole the former hearing was most unsatisfactory and I ask leave to appeal by way of re-hearing.

Usual Course

The Chief Justice asked why the usual course of going before the Magistrate for a re-hearing was not adopted.

Mr. Murphy said he personally thought that that course would have been proper, and had spoken unofficially to the Magistrate about it and was told it would be a waste of time as he would come to the same decision.

The Chief Justice said that they did not know on what grounds the Magistrate came to his decision in respect of the other machines. It might be that he was subdued by the big guns of Mr. Brayfield but he might have disregarded every word Mr. Brayfield said. In the circumstances, the only conclusion the Court could possibly come to was to have a hearing de novo. It would be very difficult indeed to come to a conclusion on the notes alone without knowing what was in the mind of the Magistrate, and subject to what Mr. Chen had to say he thought a re-hearing de novo would be a just course to take, if leave to appeal was granted.

No Particulars

Mr. Chen pointed out that no particulars were given in the summons although there was a large number of machines in the factory. Further, the statement given by defendant that since the installation of the machines in 1937, Mr. Phillips, the Senior Inspector of Factories and Workshops, had visited the premises several times and made no complaints, had not been challenged. This unchallenged statement might have led the Magistrate to come to the conclusion that the machines were reasonably safe.

His Lordship granted leave to appeal. Case is proceeding.

AIR RAID SIREN WARNING

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that a test of the air raid sirens, both in Hong Kong and Kowloon, will be carried out sometime between the hours of 9 p.m. and mid-day on Wednesday, 4th December, 1940.

Twenty-nine cases of tuberculosis, seven of dysentery, and one each of meningitis and chickenpox were notified over the week end. There were no cholera, typhoid or diphtheria cases.

CHINA MAIL
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GREECE ATHWART THE AXIS?

One of the most interesting aspects of the Italo-Greek war is its apparent undesirability, as seen from Berlin. The clash occurred just before Mussolini met Hitler at Florence. Had Il Duce conceived it as part of the Axis plan for conquest in South-eastern Europe, and primarily a step in the campaign against Britain, he might well have waited a few hours for final consultation with his partner.

German comment on the affair has been remarkably detached. Berlin's attitude seems to say that of course the Third Reich will support its Axis partner, but that for the time being this war is Italy's business.

All Herr Hitler's plans for Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia aimed at organisation of this region as an untroubled storehouse of supplies for the Nazi military machine. Mussolini's little war is causing a disturbance right at Hitler's back door. It has enabled Britain to establish British forces on Continental soil and British ships in new bases in the Mediterranean. Berlin is also pondering whether the ties that bind Turkey to Russia and to Britain will not begin to pull those two Great Powers more closely together.

This really was no time to make trouble in Greece. Perhaps Il Duce did not expect trouble. The slightness of Italian forces at first sent against the Greeks suggests that a "fifth column" was expected to prepare the road for Italian conquest. The impulsiveness of the Italian move suggests that Il Duce may have wished to have one fait accompli with which to confront his spectacular partner when the two met at Florence.

But the Fascists have got themselves into something that they cannot get out of.

Singapore Planning For All Contingencies

From A Singapore Correspondent

The announcement by the Officer Administering the Government of the Straits Settlements (Mr. S. W. Jones) that the plans drawn up three or four years ago by the Imperial Government for the defence of Malaya have now been carried out is welcomed as confirmation of the belief that the Singapore plan is now complete.

The foresight of those who, 20 years ago, decided to establish a great naval base at Singapore has never been more apparent than it is to-day when the island, at the southernmost point of continental Asia, is the corner-stone of British strategy over a wide area in East Asia, the western Pacific, and the Indian Ocean. The defences of Singapore are in perfect trim and fully prepared for any emergency.

It is not always realised that Singapore is much more than a naval base, although that is its primary function in the scheme of Empire defence. It is no less



important as an air base, while the troops and fortifications which defend the naval and air bases make it a fortress of the first order.



Ready For All Tasks

Less has been heard in recent years of the supposed "menace" of Singapore to the Japanese Empire. The Japanese have evidently come to realise that a base which is as far from Yokohama as Gibraltar is from New York could not seriously threaten their home coastline. That it could be used to very good purpose in operations in the China Sea and beyond cannot be doubted.

It has been remarked that a naval base is never really "completed," since changes in naval practice are always making new demands on a repair and refitting station, but it can be said that the Singapore naval base is complete in the sense that it can carry out all the tasks assigned to it. Since the King George VI graving dock, one of the biggest of its kind in the world, was officially opened two years ago, work has been continuing at the base unceasingly. Much has been spent in finishing the workshops in the dockyard area, improving the facilities for warships using the base, increasing the accommodation available, and providing the Admiralty with a powerful and up-to-date radio station.

Although Singapore is primarily a base for warships operating in Far-Eastern waters and the Indian Ocean there is no reason why it should not be used for repairing, overhauling, and refitting vessels from greater distances. The Navy has its bases in the Mediterranean sufficient for all purposes, but in certain circumstances it might be convenient to send a ship all the way to Singapore, which has so far been entirely free from any danger of enemy action. The same applies to merchant shipping, and the Singapore Harbour Board has very adequate dry docking accommodation which would supplement the naval facilities. The fact that Singapore has a floating dock and graving dock both capable of taking the biggest vessels afloat means that there is no limit to the work which can be carried out here.

While the Navy preserves its customary and necessary silence regarding its operations, it is possible to refer to some aspects of the work of the Straits Settlements R.N.V.R., and the shore establishment which is training Malays for service with the Navy. The R.N.V.R. are chiefly responsible for minesweeping, trade

routes leading to and from Singapore. The Colony's own R.N.V.R. also mans patrol vessels which operate in Malayan waters. These ships and the minesweepers are manned by Malay ratings with European officers. The Malays are by tradition a seafaring race, and there has been no lack of the right material for recruits. Training has now been going on for more than six months, and these men, who are enlisted for service in local waters only, are proud to be serving in what they hope may one day develop into a Royal Navy to assist in local defence.



R.A.F. Patrols

Singapore is not so well known to the outside world as an air centre, although some writers have suggested that it may one day become even more important for its air strength than as a naval station. Be that as it may, the Royal Air Force is at present busy in all parts of the Malay peninsula. There are several Service aerodromes on Singapore island, and the civil airport, one of the most modern east of Suez, is also at the disposal of the R.A.F. Up country the R.A.F. have available both their own aerodromes and those originally built for civil purposes. Malaya is not a large country, but is very well provided with aerodromes, from Alor Star and Kota Bahru in the north to Singapore in the south, and these

provide the R.A.F. not only with good operational centres but would naturally be invaluable in facilitating the dispersal of the air forces attached to the R.A.F. Far East Command.

From Singapore the R.A.F. looks out across the South China Sea to Hong Kong, and south-east to Borneo and Sarawak, west to Ceylon, and south to Port Darwin and Australia. Its duties in wartime would be similar in some respects to those of the Coastal Command in Great Britain. The Sunderland flying-boats for reconnaissance work are well known in Singapore, as are the Blenheim bombers, local photographs of which have appeared in the Malayan newspapers. The R.A.F. units in Malaya have a large area to patrol, and the long coast-line of the Malay peninsula would need to be constantly watched if there were ever a threat to this country.

Apart from the normal R.A.F. activities, the air defences of Malaya are being strengthened by the resuscitation of the Volunteer Air Force in the Colony. The new organisation embraces the flying clubs, whose aircraft will be available for training and other duties. Another activity of the Volunteer Air Force, financed by the Malayan Governments, is the formation of a flying school where potential R.A.F. pilots are given preliminary training until ready to proceed overseas for intermediate and advanced Service training. As the existing cadets pass out into the R.A.F. others will be enrolled. All British subjects are eligible, whether European or

Deep Shelters For All

The townpeople of Malta have settled down to a new life below ground. This strange existence is becoming almost as normal to them as it is to the Guanches of the Grand Canary, who have for generations lived in caves. The Guanches kept to the earth to avoid a tax on doors; the Maltese go below for 100 per cent security from Italian bombs.

Malta has deep shelters, cut into the sandstone, enough to accommodate all her townpeople. They were made, to some extent, in preparation for war. Not this war, but war centuries ago.

The Knights of St. John ruled Malta for three centuries and built towns and fortifications. They quarried for their stone beneath the sites, and then cut underground passages from one set of fortifications to another. Some of these quarries were excavated and some of these tunnels were dug 500 years ago; others, notably those at Valletta, were made after the Knights had defeated a Turkish siege 375 years ago.



Malta thus had these ready-made refuges when Italy made war upon her. The authorities had no need to make any more, but they set to work to make the shelters more easily accessible and, where possible, to give the people a little comfort with their security.

They cut additional tunnels into the rock, and they linked up many deep wells and also the dry moats which surround all Maltese towns, to improve communication with the main shelters. They also put into service a disused railway tunnel nearly a mile in length.

Where possible and where necessary they have installed drainage systems, and fitted fans to improve ventilation. At the entrances to some of the larger shelters they have provided the women with washing facilities. With additional entrances and improved communication below

ground, the townpeople can quickly get to shelter. The Italian raiders come on the average twice a day (or night). They have to fly fewer than 80 miles from the Sicilian coast, and so the warnings are short. When the aircraft are near the population can be sent underground in a few minutes.



In the evening most of the townpeople go to the shelters. Different families when the raids began staked their claims, like gold-diggers. Now they have a section of a shelter which is regarded as their own. All of them have taken part of their bedding there and some families also have their own cooking utensils.

Bombs have been scattered freely above them, but in some 150 raids no one in these shelters has been injured.

When the battering of the towns made many people homeless, these refugees made their permanent homes below ground. One of the largest shelters can accommodate 3000 people.

Without these shelters there would have been a heavy toll of life. For Malta is one of the most thickly-populated parts of the world. On the island, 17 miles long and 9 miles wide, there are some 270,000 people. In Valletta, the capital, there are 55,000. Most of the houses, made of stone, are strongly built and have cellars which are a protection from blast, but the people prefer the greater safety of the less comfortable deep shelters. There is also the psychological factor, that families in times of danger prefer company to loneliness. However little it may be justified, there is a feeling of greater safety in numbers.

Malta thus has the good fortune of being able to carry on its ordinary life, to work as usual, to sleep in safety, and to get a certain amount of relaxation, in spite of the fact that raids have been so numerous that the people long ago ceased to count them.

non-European. The Air Force is making the maximum possible use of the local-born population of Malaya, and a technical corps of artisans and other non-flying personnel has been formed for ground crews, M.T. drivers, and motor-launch crews. The Air Ministry is organising a special one-year training course with the cooperation of the Department of Education.



A Fortified Coast

Singapore is immensely strong in fortifications. The coastal batteries have tremendous range and protect all sea approaches to the naval base. The advantage held by land batteries in an encounter with warships was shown in the Norwegian campaign, and there is every reason to believe that any hostile vessels approaching Singapore would receive a very warm reception.

The garrison includes British, Indian, and Malay soldiers, who are all by now fully acquainted with their roles in the defence of Singapore and the Malay peninsula. The defence of the "back door" approaches to Singapore, via the east coast, presents a special problem and training in "jungle warfare" tactics has been given to all the units likely to be affected. The jungles are one of the natural defences of Singapore, for, although there is no virgin jungle on the island, the approaches to south Malaya through Johore, and many square miles of country farther north, are covered with thick wooded territory through which a hostile force could not hope to advance. The additional fact that there are comparatively few roads on the east of the peninsula considerably simplifies the defence problem.



Volunteer Aid

The Malaya Command includes several thousand volunteer troops, Europeans and non-Europeans in civilian life, whose training has recently been completed at camps lasting two months. These units are being reinforced by Europeans called up under the Compulsory Training Ordinance. The Militia have been working extremely hard and will soon be fully trained. The Army makes good use of the non-European man-power in the country. There is the well-known Malay Regiment raised a few years ago and now at full strength. Malay units in the Royal Engineers, Malays in the R.A.S.C., and other ancillary units, and Eurasians have been recruited for an anti-aircraft regiment and the Royal Corps of Signals.

Problems of internal security were studied long before the Fifth Column menace became apparent in Europe. A strict control over aliens is maintained and in an emergency forces are available for guarding strategic buildings. These arrangements will be supplemented in the near future by the formation of a Local Defence Corps, similar to the Home Guard in Great Britain, with branches in every part of the country. The men enlisted will be principally those who are over military age.

Singapore's food control arrangements are chiefly concerned with ensuring the maintenance of adequate stocks of rice in the Colony. The Government has instituted a pooling system by means of which the emergency stocks are constantly turned over to prevent deterioration. A modified plan for individual rationing, to be enforced only in the event of shipping routes being seriously disturbed, is being tried, and rice consumers are required to register with their usual dealers. The food control department also fixes maximum prices for a number of other essential commodities, including flour, milk, and sugar, and there has been remarkably little food profiteering during the past 12 months.

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ITALIAN ARMY CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES

Albanian "Rebels" In Line Of Retreat

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(From Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Yugoslav Frontier)

ITALIAN TROOPS RETREATING ALONG THE ELBASAN ROAD,
IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE ALBANIAN FRONT, ARE NOW
REPORTED TO BE CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

They are being energetically pursued by the Greeks who do not allow them time to take up new defensive positions, while facing them well-armed and organised bands of Albanians are said to be awaiting them in the vicinity of Elbasan.

These Albanians are headed by a well-known supporter of King Zog whose name I am at the moment unable to reveal.

(It was reported the other day that an Albanian patriotic leader had been dropped by parachute behind the Italian lines in order to organise an Albanian revolt).

The action behind the Italian lines is developing rapidly and is believed to be assuming serious proportions from the Italian point of view.

Albanian bands are greatly helping the Greeks in their penetration into Albania.

So long is the Italian column retreating hastily towards Elbasan that it can be seen from a great distance away, showing up clearly against the new-fallen snow which abounds in this mountainous region.

That the retreat was prepared by the Italians in advance is shown by their previous withdrawal of military material from Podgradetz (which is now in Greek hands) as far as Monastir.

Considerable Advance

A considerable advance has been made all along the front, stated last night's Greek communique, according to Athens radio.

The announcement added that positions of exceptional importance for the development of operations have been captured.

In the region of Premeti over 150 prisoners have been taken and much war material has fallen into Greek hands.—Reuter.

SHOT BY UNLOADED RIFLE

While a squad of soldiers were at rifle training exercise the corporal gave the order to fire and Rifleman Jeffery James Whitney, twenty, fell dead, shot through the neck.

This story was told at an inquest at St. Pancras, London, N.W. An officer stated that rifles should not have been brought loaded on parade.

Rifleman Harry Winch, who fired the shot, said that he had loaded his rifle at night to go on guard and later another rifleman borrowed the rifle for guard duty. When he returned the rifle, he told Winch that the ammunition was in his pouch.

The inquest was adjourned for a week to await the findings of the military court of inquiry.

MISSING MAN WRITES

Missing since June 20, a nineteen-year-old B.E.F. man, Private R. V. L. Clements, of Burnett, Hotney Common, Uckfield, Sussex, has written to his parents: "I am well. Long live England."

FIGHT THAT FUNK-HOLE IDEA

"The great thing in my view is to resist any interruption. We are all in the battle, and a battle means struggling and fighting, not quietly submitting and going down to a funk hole every time someone blows a whistle."

This is what the Recorder of London, Sir Gerald Dodson, told an Old Bailey jury after refusing to interrupt a case when A.A. guns were heard in action.

The Recorder adjourned the Court to his room in the corridor, where the case was completed.

During the last war Sir Gerald was in the R.N.V.R.

BOMB FILLS IN CRATER

A heavy-calibre bomb dropped in a South-East London district by a German raider fell so close to a crater made in a previous raid that the crater was partly filled in with fresh debris.

The district has been revisited again and again, and seven bombs have fallen close together.

Extensive damage was done in the last raid to dwellings and shops and to three public-houses.

GIRL, FOUR DAYS UNDER DEBRIS, SAVED

A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD girl, buried under the wreckage of a house for four days and four nights, mourned as dead, was rescued seven hours after her cries from the wreckage revealed she was still alive.

It was at night that a rending, crashing German bomb visited the home in a south-west London district of Mildred Castillo, daughter of Dr. Richard Castillo.

Men fighting to get through the flames and smoke and crumbling masonry found the bodies of Mildred's mother and Mildred's little brother. Mildred's father, safe, was left to mourn.

The rescue work continued throughout the day and the night, and hopes of ever finding Mildred faded. Another day passed, and another.

Then — the fourth day after the tragedy — three men trying to make order out of a shambles heard cries — faint and pitiful.

3 Men Volunteer

The men, George Woodward, Wally Capon, and G. W. Pittman, volunteered to tunnel through the debris to rescue Mildred.

After seven hours' work they got her out and she was taken to hospital. There they say she has an excellent chance of recovery.

Dr. Castillo has been staying with friends.

At their home a reporter was told "The doctor rushed to the hospital immediately he was told that Mildred was alive."

"He was astounded by the news and at first could not believe that it was true."

ON ACTIVE SERVICE AT 83

One of the oldest war workers in Britain is Captain Joseph Francis Trezise of Bristol.

As a boy he went to sea before the mast. To-day, at the age of eighty-three, he is still on "active service" — though he now carries out his duties on land.

Forty-one years ago he founded the Bristol City and Marine Ambulance Corps, which did magnificent work in the last war and carries on the same tradition in this one.

Spry, as the youngest war worker in the city, Captain Trezise supervises all the financial side of the business. His first year's income was £26. Now he has to deal with more than £29,600, buy new ambulances and train new men as the war takes his younger drivers.

Known in Bristol as "The man who never takes a holiday," Captain Trezise has not even had a day off since the war started.

His wife drags him out of his office at 7.30 p.m., but even then he insists on taking his books to the dug-out to continue work during air-raid warnings.

PARISIANS GO SHORT WHILE THE NAZIS FEED

A VIVID PICTURE OF Paris under German domination is painted by Mr. Seatre, an American partner in the famous British firm of Price, Waterhouse and Company.

Mr. Seatre was in charge of the firm's business in Paris. He has recently arrived at Lisbon as a refugee on his way to New York.

When the French collapse came, Mr. Seatre was in an emergency office in the provinces, but returned to Paris with his wife.

The Gestapo, accompanied by an armed guard, arrived at his office, and informed him that they knew all about him, his firm, and his clients. They said: "It will be better for you if you answer all questions correctly." They went to the filing room, and after going through the files, a bundle of them was set aside.

Mr. Seatre tried to obtain a list of the files, but he was told, "There is no object in doing so, as you will never see them again."

Securities Confiscated

The firm's bank accounts were confiscated, all cash in the safe was looted, and he was refused a receipt. The Gestapo also took an envelope, deposited by an employee, containing his savings of cash and bearer securities amounting to about 60,000 francs. They seized everything and forbade Mr. Seatre to remove a single document from the office.

He states that there is a severe food shortage in Paris, and Les Halles, the great market, is open to the French only after the Germans have been supplied. Milk and butter are extremely short, and eggs have not been obtainable for two months.

But it is a common sight to see German soldiers plentifully supplied with all these goods in the cafes. Half-bottles of champagne seem to be their usual beverage at lunch-time.

Mrs. Seatre said that it was heart-breaking to see mothers

HER LIFE SAVED BY A TABLE

A kitchen table saved the life of Mrs. R. Goody when her South-West London home collapsed under a bomb explosion.

"She was asleep under the table when the house was completely destroyed by blast," Mrs. Goody's daughter-in-law said.

"The table acted as a shelter and supported the whole weight of the wreckage so that she wasn't even injured."

Made A Tunnel

"A neighbour helped her to burrow her way out. He pulled the rafters away from the top while she pushed from below. Between them they made a sort of tunnel through which she crawled to safety."

The bomb—a heavy one—killed two people, injured others, and severely damaged a number of houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were bombed out of their home into which they had moved only a few hours before.

Pinned To Bed

Salvage squads dug out people buried among wreckage.

Seventeen-year-old Eric Evans was pinned to his bed by fallen rafters and buried under two feet of dust and debris.

"He was unconscious when we got him out," said one of the rescuers, "but we managed to revive him, and he is all right."

PAID £5,200 FOR A DIAMOND

An unmounted blue-white diamond was sold at Christie's for £5,200 to a Miss Rose.

NEW HOMES FROM RUINS OF THE OLD

From the debris of bombed homes new ones will be built. The surveyor's departments of London boroughs—and elsewhere—are showing great skill in using all kinds of salvaged material.

When the demolition squad has done its job, workmen cart away the debris to sort it over for usable material.

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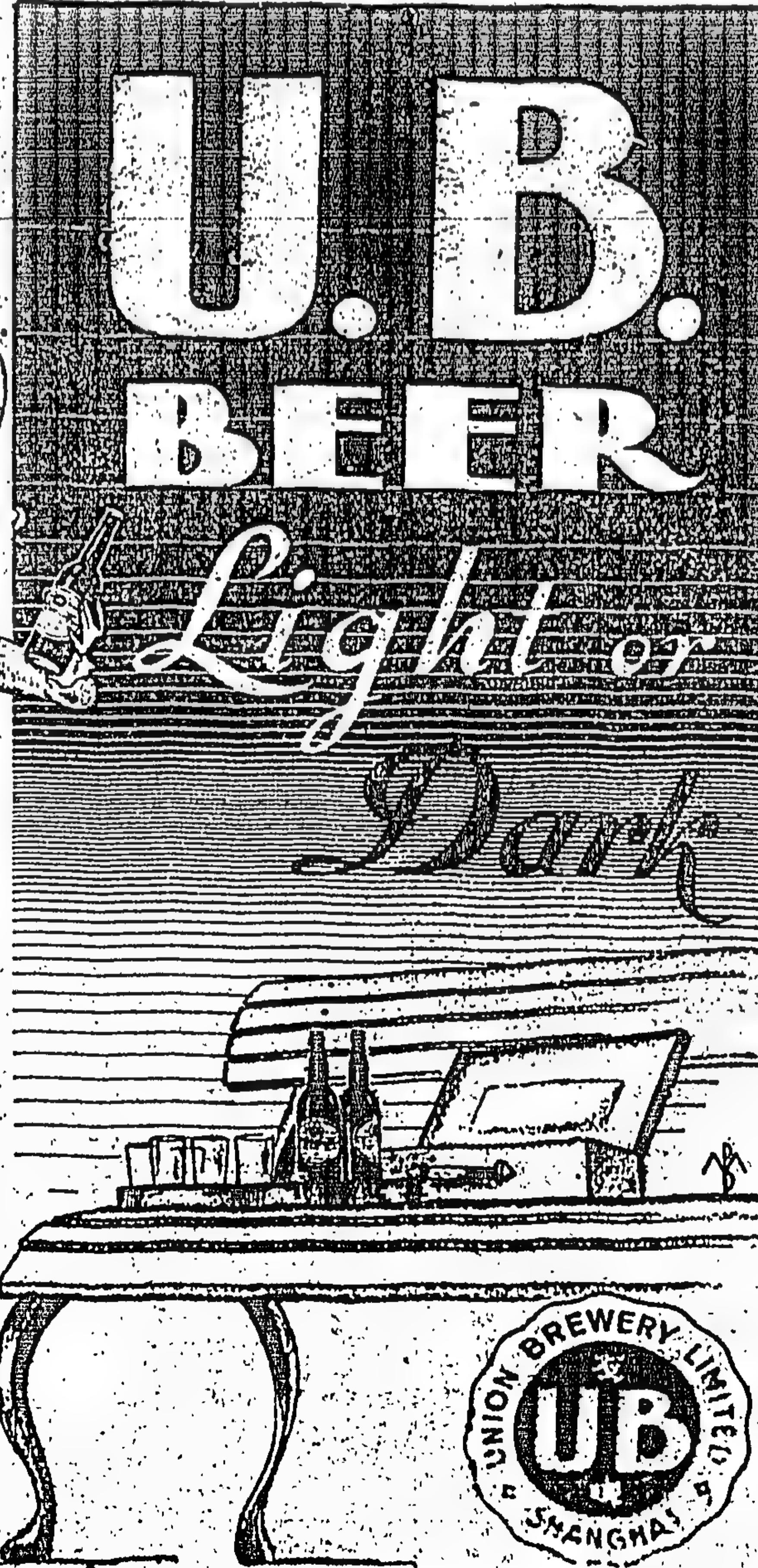
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East, Dealer
North-South Vulnerable

♦ Q J	♦ 7 4
♦ A Q 7	♦ 9 8 6 2
♦ 9 8 6 2	♦ A Q J 10
♦ A Q J 10	♦ 4
♦ 6 5 3 2	♦ N
♦ 9 6 5 3	♦ W
♦ 6	♦ E
♦ K 5 3	♦ S

The bidding:
East South West North
1♦ 1♦ Pass 3♦
Pass 4♦ Pass Pass

North's jump raise may appear a little unusual, since he had only two spades, but he could be sure

these two trumps would be ample support for a suit worth a vulnerable overall. As a matter of fact, a raise to game would have been beyond criticism.

West opened his singleton diamond, and East took the top diamonds and led a third round for his partner to ruff. West then led a heart—and South resisted the impulse to finesse.

Regardless of the fate of a heart finesse, South would still need the finesse to make his contract. But if the club finesse succeeded, South could obtain a heart discard on dummy's fourth club. Therefore he game depended on the club finesse; and the heart finesse was absolutely unnecessary and irrelevant.

Declarer therefore put up dummy's Ace of hearts and led the Jack of spades to his own Ace. He then successfully finessed the ten of clubs. The Queen of spades was overtaken by South's King, and the spade ten drew the last trump. Then South finessed the club Jack. He returned to his hand by ruffing dummy's last diamond, to take a third club finesse; and then the club Ace furnished a heart discard.

Saturday you played a Small Slam contract with no losers in the side suits, but with the following trump suit:

6 5 3
♦ Dummy
♦ You
♦ A K J 4 2

How did you play the trump suit?

ANSWER: Play the Ace or King first. If only small cards drop, get over to the dummy and finesse the Jack. To finesse on the first round will result in the loss of two trump tricks if the blank Queen is held on your left.

Score 100% for the recommended play, 0 for any other.

Question No. 578

To-day you are playing another Small Slam Contract. Once again you have entries to each hand, no losers in the side suits, and the following trump suit:

8 7 6 5
♦ Dummy
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♦ A K 10 9

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NAZI SPY MISLEAD SECRET, WE GOT IT

CAPTAIN EBERHARD SPIELER, Assistant German Air Attaché up to the outbreak of war, has been killed in air fighting over Britain. It is now possible to disclose that Spiller, really a spy in Britain before the war, committed one of those blunders which are occasionally characteristic of German agents.

He had a house in Hampstead, in which he had hidden certain papers concerning a device at that time considered to be Germany's secret weapon.

When war was imminent Spiller hurriedly cleared out his house, but in his haste could not find these papers, which were later found. They had fallen down the back of a drawer in a large chest.

PLANE ABLAZE BUT GOT HOME

In an attack on German invasion bases, one of our bombers, which flew through a terrific A.A. barrage, was badly hit and caught fire.

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Ready To Jump

"The fire broke out amidships immediately after or during the attack," said the captain. "I warned my crew to prepare to jump. This would not have been easy for them because not only were the flames beginning to spread but thousands of rounds of ammunition were exploding."

"I urged my crew to make every effort to extinguish the fire, and ten minutes later my wireless operator reported 'fire out'."

The damage was so severe that it was extraordinary the aircraft reached its base. Huge holes were torn in the wings, three petrol tanks were destroyed, while the interior of the fuselage and the air gunner's cockpit were almost destroyed.

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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Self-Confidence

The first days of school can be terrifying to the young, and they can become "scar" days too. Children, as you know, are cruel little beasts with one another and the sensitive, timid child suffers greatly from the ribbing and teasing in which the smart-alecs delight.

If you are a wise parent or guardian, you will prepare your daughter for the ordeal. Boys, more or less, learn at an early age to either ignore the bully or to team up with him, so his feelings are not so easily hurt. But daughter needs a bit of pre-schooling!

Some mothers will resent what next I have to say. Help your child to be one of the group—don't stress her individuality too strongly.

Children act like sheep. What one does the others want to do. What one wears the others want to wear. The child who dares to be different is quickly tagged as the "black sheep" and is not included in the group. Her school days can be lonely, heartaching days. School-yard games and after-school parties will go on without her. She will distort her little mind by wondering, "Why am I not wanted?"

With discretion, help your little ward to be one of the girls. If other girls are wearing little striped cotton blouses and dark plain skirts, let your child wear them. If girls are wearing barrettes instead of hair-ribbons, let your child wear a barret. If the little girls go to the Saturday-movie matinee en masse, let your child join them. She will be happier if you do.

Of course, you can teach her discrimination. If a style is poor taste, tell her so. If the "movie" is not for young eyes, plan something else for her and include schoolmates. Explain things to her so she in turn can explain them to her classmates. Individuality will blossom anyway as a child matures, so there is no need for you to make her stand out of the little group by requesting that she act differently and dress differently.

Keep her healthy throughout her school year by feeding her at regular hours, having her rest sufficiently, demanding that she play out-of-doors for exercise, and teaching her how to keep well groomed. After four a child can do much for herself if taught!

MEATS — Slow Cookers and Fast Ones ...both types have their place in meal planning

says Dorothy Greig

IT'S a good thing for most of us that there are both long cooking meats and short cooking ones. We can thereby neatly gear our meats to our day's planned activities.



Lamb patties, girdled in bacon, are garnished with sliced tomatoes and spiced pineapple cubes, and served with Creamy Mushroom Sauce.

There's comfort in the realization that, oh-well, we can stay out a while longer because for dinner we are having steak which cooks practically in jiff time.

On days we are at home, the coziest bound-in the world is the slow sizzle of that roast in the oven. And for sheer pleasure no fragrance can equal the savory whiff of the stew as we lift the lid to drop in vegetables.

One of my pet short cookers is patties made of ground lamb instead of the more usual beef. They are accompanied by a creamy mushroom sauce which does wonders to glorify the simple dish:

Grilled Lamb Patties with Creamy Mushroom Sauce

1½ pounds lean lamb, ground
1 teaspoon salt
¾ teaspoon pepper
9 bacon slices

Season ground lamb with salt and pepper and shape into round cakes. Wrap each in bacon slices and fasten with skewer or tooth pick. Pan-broil the patties on both sides. Then pour off all except 1 tablespoon fat. Serves 6.

...and notice how easy the sauce is to make:

Creamy Mushroom Sauce

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
½ cup milk

Empty the soup into the pan in which the patties were cooked and stir well, then add milk and heat. Serve sauce in gravy boat with the meat.

A garnish of sliced tomatoes and spiced pineapple cubes is another good touch with this dish.

When it comes to a slow-cooking meat, I have a favorite, too. It's a pot roast with a special trick to the gravy which adds extra flavor and turns the roast into a real triumph:

Pot Roast with Mock Turtle Gravy

4 pounds beef, rolled
1 cup flour
2 tablespoons salt

1 can condensed mock turtle soup

Cook the flour in the fat until frothy and slightly browned. Then add 2 cups of liquid which is the meat juices with water added if necessary and cook until thickened. Add the mock turtle soup and cook 3-4 minutes. Put the roast back in the gravy and continue cooking for one hour. During this final cooking it is well again to put the roast back on the rack or bones so that it does not stick to bottom of roaster. Keep tightly covered.

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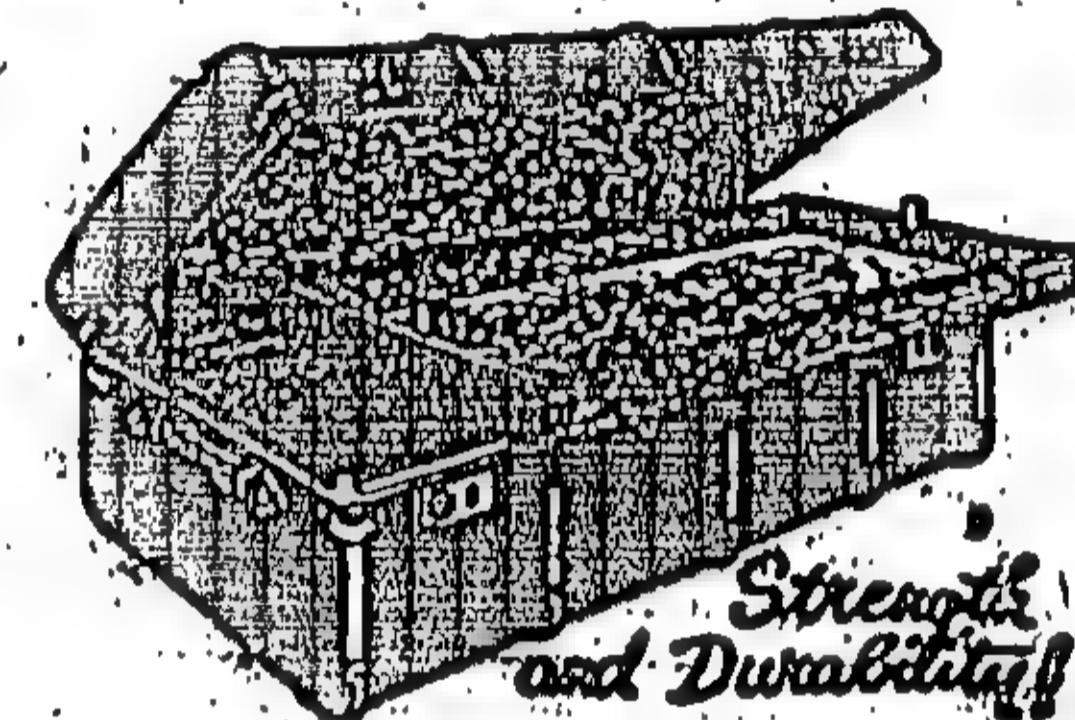
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Trio in D Minor (Op. 32) by Arensky.

12.57 p.m.—Song—"Could I be in Love?" (from the film "Champagne Waltz").

Gladys Swarthout (Contralto).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Songs by Greta Keller.

1.13 p.m.—Henry Jacques' Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, and Elsie Carlisle.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 p.m.—Sea Shanties by John Goss and the Cathedral Male Voice Choir.

7.45 p.m.—London Palladium Orch.

The Grasshopper's Dance (Buccolissi).

La Siesta (Barcarolle—Norton).

Blue Devils' March (Williams, arr. Letter).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—This Week's Programmes.

8.07 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

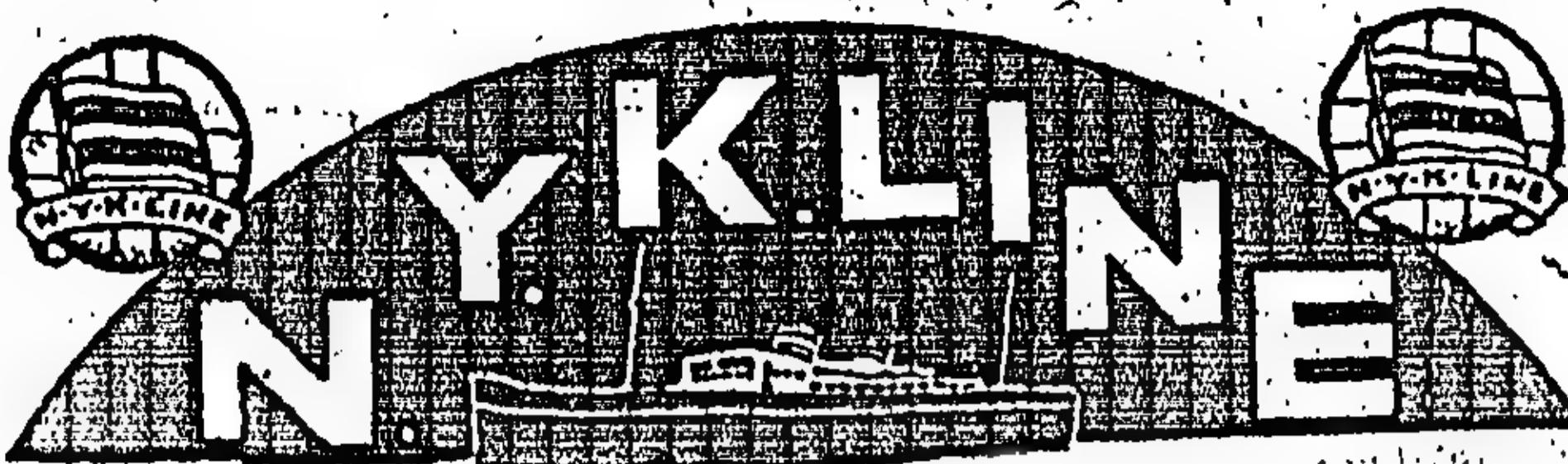
9.30 p.m.—Symphony No. 8 in D Minor (Op. 74), ("The Pathétique") by Tchaikovsky.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sergo Koussavitzky.

10.15 p.m.—Songs by Challapine (Bass).

10.25 p.m.—Cello and Piano Recital.

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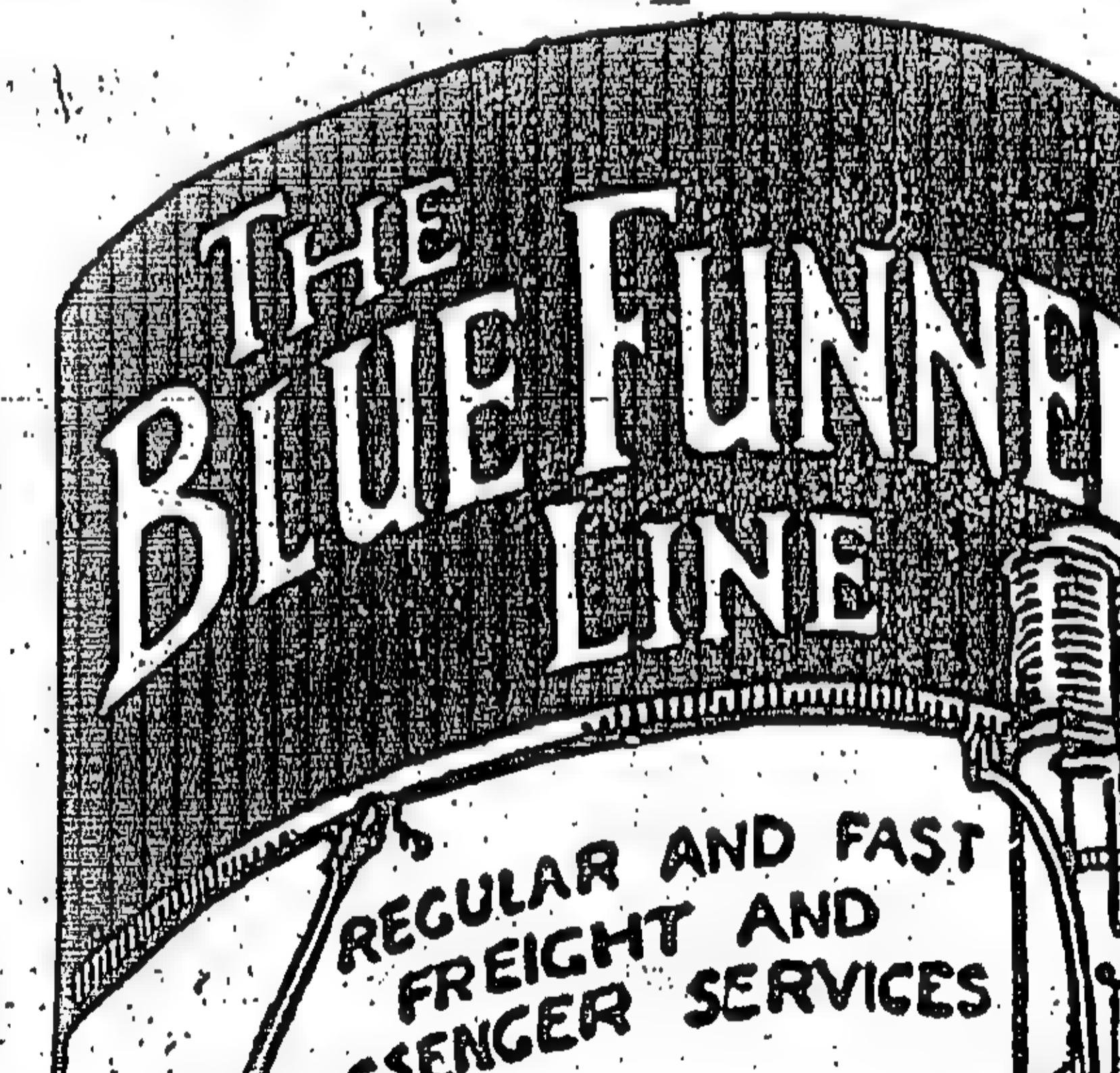
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SOUTH CHINA HELD TO ONE GOAL BY KWONG WAH

Lee Kwok-Kee Plays Brilliant Game For Losers
Winners Far From Impressive

By "Sportshawk"

KWONG WAH, WHO WERE WITHOUT THE SERVICES OF THEIR BEST PLAYER, CHEUK SHEK-KAM, DID VERY WELL TO HOLD SOUTH CHINA TO A SINGLE GOAL IN A FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE FOOTBALL MATCH AT BOUNDARY STREET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

This narrow margin can be attributed to their custodian, Lee Kwok-kee, who played a brilliant all-round game and saved numerous apparently certain goals.

How much South China missed the shooting of Lee Wai-tong, who is still on the injured list, could not be ascertained, but without him in the attack, they seldom looked like a winning team.

Chan Does Well

Chan Tak-fai, who took over Lee's position as the leader, combined very well with his two wingers, Lee Tak-keo and Lee Shek-yau, who revealed splendid teamwork. These three players formed a strong attacking unit and were a source of worry to Kwong Wah's defence. Their play, however, left one the impression that they were keeping something in reserve.

South China's intermediate-line was best served by Tse Kam-hung, left half, who worked hard and concentrated in assisting his defence, in which Tsang Chung-wan was the only player to shine.

Apart from Lee Kwok-kee, Chung Fai-lam, right back, also played a fine game in the defense for Kwong Wah, while King Kai-pew, left half, did well in the face of South China's repeated attacks.

Chin Chi-fun and Wong King-chung were Kwong Wah's outstanding forwards, particularly the former, who ably led the attack and who also played a sound individual game.

The Play

South China attacked from the start and were on the offensive for the first 15 minutes, during which period, Chan Tak-fai scored the only goal of the game with a beautiful header from a high centre from Lee Tak-keo.

Towards the last 10 minutes of the first period and for a short time at the opening of the second half, Kwong Wah launched several raids but all were baulked by the opposition keeper.

The match on the whole was not quite up to First Division standard and the play was occasionally scrappy.

South China—Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan and Li

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

Following are yesterday's football results:

FIRST DIVISION		
Kwong Wah	0	South China 1
St. Joseph's	1	Eastern 4
Santos	1	Hau Ching-to, Chung Yung-sum and V. K. Hyui (2).
SECOND DIVISION		
30th R.A.	1	Kwong Wah 1
Sing Tao	1	Kit Chee 0
Wu Chui-chung	2	Navy 1
Police	2	Birch.
THIRD DIVISION		
7th R.A.	0	35th R.A. 5
R.A.F.	2	12th R.A. 1
A.S.A.	0	Signals 4
R.A.M.C.	2	Shell 1

Kwok-wah; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-ko and Tse Kam-hung; Lee Tak-keo, Lau Chung-sang, Chan Tak-fai, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.
Kwong Wah—Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai; Cheung Wing, Chung Kim-fai, King Kai-pew; Leung Fung-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen, and Wong King-chung.

THIS WEEK'S SOCCER FIXTURES

SATURDAY	
First Division	
South China	v. R. Scots (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
St. Joseph's	v. Kowloon (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
Kwong Wah	v. Club (Boundary St., 4.00 p.m.)
Second Division	
South China	v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Middlesex	v. Kowloon (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Kwong Wah	v. Kitchee (Boundary St., 2.30 p.m.)
Ordnance	v. Service Corps (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Sing Tao	v. R. Scots (Military, 4.00 p.m.)
Third Division	
International	v. Air Force (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
33rd R.A.	v. Signals (Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)
Shell	v. 12th R.A. (Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
Medicinal	v. 20th R.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
30th R.A.	v. 7th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
SUNDAY	
First Division	
Eastern	v. Sing Tao (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
Navy	v. Police (Causeway Bay, 4.00 p.m.)
Second Division	
Engineers	v. Navy (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
Club	v. Police (Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Third Division	
Service Corps	v. 24th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Engineers	v. A.S.A. (Club, 4.00 p.m.)

The opening meets of the Fan-ning Hunt were held at T'ien Ping Shun yesterday at 2.45 p.m. when His Excellency, the Acting Governor, took part.

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YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL

Following are yesterday's softball results:

Cardinals	37	Chung Hwa	11
Panthers	17	Ramblettes	12
Canuckettes	7	Wahoos	6
Filipinos	18	Canucks	6
Hong Kong Baseballers	12	Indians	4
Cyclones	12	Chinese Baseballers	8
Liga Portuguesa	17	Recreo Bees	15
Chung Hwa 21	C.B.A. 7	Chung Hwa	21
R.A.F. 9	South China 6	R.A.F. 9	South China 6
Shell 9	Cables 4	Shell 9	Cables 4
Hong Kong Bank 17	Lacons 15	Hong Kong Bank 17	Lacons 15
U.S.S. Tuica 8	S. J. Joseph's 5	U.S.S. Tuica 8	S. J. Joseph's 5

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Cricket

LEADING cricketers on Saturday were K. M. Baxter of Kowloon Cricket Club Juniors, and H. L. Ozor, of Recreio seniors.

Following were the best performances:

BATTING	
K. M. Baxter	78
Pte. Bateman	70
J. F. Lawrence	63
D. J. N. Anderson	60
E/Cpl. Logan	55*
T. A. Pearce	54
A. R. Sussid	54
J. L. Youngsaye	52*
K. J. Attwell	49
T. G. C. Knight	49
F. J. Remedios	48
Goss	45*
N. Singh	40
F. J. Lay	41
W. L. Rapley	41*
W. L. Clarke	39*
Sgt. Webb	37*
Pte. Alsey	33
J. W. Leonard	31
A. V. Gosain	30

BOWLING

H. L. Ozorio	7 for 32
2/Lt. Fargus	6 for 16
N. D. Lloyd	6 for 20
B. D. Lay	5 for 28
Tropp	5 for 39
Abbas	5 for 40
A. E. Carey	4 for 7
F. Baker	4 for 21
K. M. Baxter	4 for 31
K. Nazarin	4 for 45
C. W. Lam	4 for 50

Racing

CONDITIONS on Saturday were ideal for racing and a large crowd spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

The singles resulted as follows:

A. W. Ramsey (Country Club) beat A. J. Dennis; A. A. Lopes (Country Club) beat W. V. Ahern; R. E. Lee (Country Club) lost to E. F. Fincher; F. E. A. Remedios (Country Club) and R. K. Collings (all square); E. J. M. Churn (Country Club) lost to K. S. Mackenzie; T. Y. C. Lee (Country Club) lost to A. Eastman; W. C. Hung (Country Club) lost to E. C. Fincher; C. H. T. Suen (Country Club) lost to T. Low; J. J. Basto (Country Club) lost to T. Lamb; M. F. Pinna (Country Club) lost to W. Kershaw; F. X. M. Silva (Country Club) lost to Christianson; A. R. Pinna (Country Club) lost to T. Henderson.

Fourballs

The results of the fourballs were:—A. W. Ramsey and A. A. Lopes (Country Club) beat A. J. Dennis and W. V. Ahern; R. E. Lee and F. E. A. Remedios (Country Club) lost to E. F. Fincher and R. K. Collings; E. J. M. Churn and A. Eastman; W. C. Hung and C. H. T. Suen (Country Club) lost to E. C. Fincher and T. Low; J. J. Basto and M. F. Pinna (Country Club) lost to T. Lamb and W. Kershaw; F. X. M. Silva and A. R. Pinna (Country Club) lost to Christianson and T. Henderson.

The teams were exceptionally matched and the visitors only managed to win by the odd match in seven.

Table Tennis

ATTENDANCE at the Kowloon Cricket Club for the first table tennis Interport between the Colony and Macao was poor and only a handful of people watched some splendid games.

The teams were exceptionally matched and the visitors only managed to win by the odd match in seven.

POLO DRAW

The first round of the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup will be played at the Hong Kong Polo Club ground, Boundary Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 3.30 p.m.

The draw resulted as follows:—

H.K.S.R.A. "B" v. Fixed Defences; H.K.S.R.A. "A" Team v. Middlesex Rgt.

The following are the teams:—

H.K.S.R.A. "A"—Capt. Duncan (4), Major Fisher (3), Capt. Monroe (2), Capt. Atkinson (1).

FIXED DEFENCES:—Major Morgan (4), Major Hunt (3), Capt. Forrest (2), Lt.-Col. J. D. Way (1).

H.K.S.R.A. "A"!—Lt. Fielden (4), Major Penfold (3), Major Wilson (2), Lt. B. Smith (1).

MIDDLESEX REGT.:—Lt. Hancock (4), Capt. T. Chattey (3), Capt. W. Chattey (2), Capt. Guest (1).

The final round will be played on Saturday, Dec. 7.

R.A. Cup

Games in the Royal Artillery Cup will be played between Dec. 10 and Dec. 27 entries for which will close on Dec. 15.

The following are the conditions of play: Handicap knock-out (open to any team). No team to exceed more than five goals. Actual playing days will be announced later.

R. S. Capell, W. Lee, L. Jack and F. Goodwin (K.C.C.) beat J. Banderill, P. Mason, A. Calman and T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.) 21-13.

A. Wright, A. H. Martin, W. W. Parsons and T. W. Carr (K.C.C.) beat J. Revie, J. Macpherson, F. Cullen and J. Kenipton (K.D.R.C.) 28-14.

W. McMaster, J. G. Ozorio, W. Houston and R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.) beat A. C. Tribble, R. B. Wellwood, A. Stevens and R. H. E. Marks (K.C.C.) 24-10.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Following are the matches to be played on Sunday in the H.K. Hockey Association Tournament and Secretaries of the respective teams should contact each other and they should notify the Association Secretary, Mr. Smith, before Wednesday of any changes.

Matches to be

'MANAGERS DIRECT CLUBS WITH SIGN LANGUAGE

By Joe Cronin.

(Manager and shortstop of the Boston Red Sox). GIVING, GETTING and carrying out signs win close games.

Signs are given by word of mouth and movements.

They are given by the manager in the dugout, coaches' box or on the field.

In the case of the bench manager, a coach transmits offensive signs to the players concerned. Players usually look to the third base coach, but on some clubs right-hand batters get signs from the first base coach. This does away with the right-hand batter having to turn around to get the sign.

There are "take" and "hit" signs. There are signs for the bunt, hit and run, and the steal, double steal, delayed steal and the squeeze. A sign pulls the infield in or places it back. Pitchers get signs telling them what kind of a ball to throw in certain situations. The shortstop and second baseman have their own signs in connection with who is to cover second base.

Switch Signs

There are switch signs — from bunting to hitting, etc. A few players can't seem to get switch signs.

John McGraw and Rogers Hornsby called every pitch and gave the batter a sign on every pitch, but this system upsets batters.

BOTH SIDES WERE UNFORTUNATE

By "SCRUM-HALF"

Army were extremely unfortunate to be without Douglass and March on Saturday for their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match against Club, and the slight reshuffle of the back division as a result was sufficient to place them with their backs to the wall.

Their attack always came from the centre—the wing three-quarters never received a pass—and this factor, coupled with a disappointing display from their pack, cost them the game.

Club, on the other hand, were unlucky not to win, instead of drawing 13-all. They were very well supported by their pack, who had not played better this season, and always looked the more dangerous side.

Players to stand out in the game were Thompson, Stewart, Charter, Thomson, Heasman, Burford and Taylor of Club, and Hook, Richards, Wedderburn, Ford, Duke and Gillan for Army.

The return game will take place on January 4, by which time it is hoped Army will be at full strength, while Club will probably have A. F. Walkden back in their pack.

EVACUATION "TEST MATCH"

More fun than skill was revealed in the "Evacuation Test," cricket match at the Civil Service yesterday, resulting in a win for the "Sentaways" by 34 runs.

Penalties, ranging from 10 cents for a dropped catch to \$100 for biffing an umpire, netted the useful sum of \$15.60, which will be donated to the "Bomber Fund."

Staypute—148 (J. McGowah 77; H. F. Harper 15; A. Shephard 6 for 25);

Sentaways—182 (V. Ebbage 65; C. J. Walker 34; W. J. Skinner 23; Haynes 6 for 20).

The Creasy Cup golf competition, confined to members of P.W.D. Golf Society, has now reached the semi-final stages. Dr. S. Edward meets K. S. Robertson and W. W. C. Shewan will play against J. E. Richardson for the privilege of entering the final.

From Here And There

U. H. Esmail, Craigengower 2nd XI left-handed slow bowler, has shown marked improvement this season. He still has a tendency to try to bowl too fast, but if he can get over this fault, which has affected his length, he should secure a trial in the first eleven before the season is out.

A few Recreio stalwarts are planning a football-hockey visit to Macao over the Xmas. holidays. There is also some talk of taking a cricket eleven in an endeavour to introduce the game to the Portuguese colony.

George Swinburn and "Paddy" Tomb, two of the leading all-round sportsmen attached to Royal Engineers, have decided to take a rest for the remainder of the year and "retire" from all competitive sport. Swinburn, however, will be playing as much "friendly" badminton as duties allow.

After being one of the mainstays of the R.E. cricket eleven for some seasons, Ratcliffe, referred to by the Sappers as the "hurricane hitter", will not be playing much cricket this season. He is making a return to football, at which game he has represented the Army and his own unit's team at centre-half.

C. Pope, the Police cricketer and football player, is suffering from an injured knee.

Some years ago rowing formed an important part of the programme of activities at V. R. C. Now a few members are trying to stage a revival of rowing at this club and a few crews are already in training. There is also some talk about an inter-Club regatta with the Yacht Club later in the season. A couple of years back a V. R. C. four rowed to Macao, and this is also being contemplated by some of the stalwarts.

Craigengower have lost two "openers" this season. Francis Zimmern, who opened the bowling for them last season, threw in his lot with Kowloon C. C. and now A. R. H. Esmail, their opening bat for many a season, has "re-migrated" to Indian R. C.

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JAPANESE OFFICER SHOT

Attempt To Suppress Story

POLICE EXPEDITION TO BEACH

FOLLOWING THE DISCLOSURE IN THE "SUNDAY HERALD" OF THE DISCOVERY OF SKELETONS OF HUMAN BEINGS ON A SMALL BEACH IN LUNG HA WAN, IN PORT SHELTER, A POLICE PARTY, UNDER SERGEANT F. ROBERTS, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE SAIKUNG POLICE STATION, VISITED THE SPOT YESTERDAY MORNING AND REMOVED THE GRUESOME RELICS TO THE KOWLOON PUBLIC MORTUARY.

In the course of the morning, the beach was visited by a number of sight-seers who proceeded there partly by car and partly on foot.

It has been suggested that the skeletons may have belonged to victims of the typhoon some three years ago when the Police, unable to cope with the numerous bodies washed ashore, were authorised to bury them on the spot. Some clue may be provided when the age of the skeletons is determined as near as it can be determined.

CAR TOOLS STOLEN

Mr. Bottomley, of No. 9, Leighton Hill Road, reported the theft of motor car tools, valued at \$60, from his car (No. 6297), which was parked in Jackson Road, between 10.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. yesterday.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over China is again increasing in intensity and the Manchurian depression has moved into the Sea of Japan.

Marking Signature Of Treaty

THE JAPANESE military spokesman in Peiping admitted yesterday that a Japanese officer had been shot in the city but refused details, and the Japanese Telegraph Administration refused to transmit outward messages on the incident.

From a number of different sources it appears that about noon on Friday a Japanese lieutenant-colonel on horseback, accompanied by two mounted escorts, was riding in the main street of the north city not far from military headquarters when a single Chinese jumped off a bicycle, drew a revolver and fired four shots.

The officer was killed and one apparently confirmed by the fact that the usual daily plane from Shanghai stopped at Tientsin.

No reason was given for the plane not continuing on to Peiping that day. — Reuter.

HUNDRED ARRESTS IN INDIA

One hundred members of the Congress Party have been arrested under the Defence of India Regulations during the first fortnight of the extended civil disobedience under Mr. Gandhi's guidance.

The arrested include four ex-Prime Ministers, 11 ex-Ministers, five Speakers or Presidents of provincial legislatures and seven members of the All-India Congress Committee.

Sentences of imprisonment have been imposed ranging up to 18 months for men and up to three months for women. — Reuter.

GERMANY'S ILL-OMEN WARSHIPS

According to the German wireless a new destroyer flotilla has been put into service.

It is said to be named the "Narvik flotilla."

It may appear to superstitious German seamen to be an ill-omened choice. It is easy to understand why Herr Hitler's mind is preoccupied with the name of Narvik when it is remembered that nine of the most powerful German destroyers—"A"nto n Schmidt, Wilhelm Heidkamp, Diether von Roder, Hans Lüdemann, Wolfgang Zenker, Bernd von Arnim, Erich Giese, Erich Loewen and Hermann Kunne—met their end at that place last April. — British Wireless.

STOWAWAYS FROM SHANGHAI

A batch of six Chinese stowaways who arrived on a British steamer from Shanghai yesterday were charged before Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon this morning.

They were fined \$20 each and ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

One of the defendants, Sze Hing-ching, 28, a banished, was additionally sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

STOP PRESS

The United States' \$100,000,000 credit to China overshadowed news of the treaty signed between the Nanking regime and Japan in local Chinese newspapers this morning. They share the view that the granting of the huge credit, a move timed to the signing of the treaty, represents a serious blow to Japan.

The "National Times" observes that the United States' announcement indicates not only that she accepts any challenge from Japan but that whenever Japan takes provocative action, she is ready to retaliate.

The "Ta Kung Pao" observes that the United States has fully realised Japan's sinister ambitions in the Far East and the importance of China's continued resistance. The U.S. \$100,000,000 credit is a most effective reply to Japan's aggressive ambitions. — Central News.

After the hearing of evidence in the case reported in Page Six, the Chief Justice said the Court was satisfied that the three machines in question were unsafe at the time.

He imposed a fine of \$100 each regarding the drilling and shaping machines and a fine of \$50 for the other machine, defendant-respondent to pay costs.

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